

PIMA COUNTY 4-H/FFA DEPARTMENT "A" BEEF

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MARKET STEERS (BEEF BREEDS ONLY) EAR-TAGGING DATES: (CAC)

Sunday, November 8, 2009 8:30 am – 12:30 pm.
Saturday, November 14, 2009, 8:30 – 12:30 pm.

CHECK IN DATES:

Monday, April 19, 2010, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

SHOW DATE:

Thursday, April 22, 2010, 9:00 a.m.

TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR PROJECT. PLEASE CLEAN UP THE BLEACHER AREA AFTER YOUR SHOW.

CHECK OUT: SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2010 AT 6:00 PM

BREEDING BEEF: (Beef breeds only)

OWNERSHIP DEADLINE:

January 15, 2010

Breeding Beef Show Registration Deadline:

Entries are to be postmarked by January 15, 2010. They are to be mailed to the Beef Coordinator.

Proof of ownership must accompany the entry form. If the exhibitor LEASES the animal: Have a signed lease agreement.

CLASS DETERMINATION:

If a sufficient number of heifers are entered, the Project Coordinator and Superintendent may separate classes by birth date.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

Health requirements will be dictated by the State Livestock Board. The exhibitor must provide proof of ownership as per the Arizona State Livestock Board requirements. Ownership and registration papers must be in the exhibitor's name or proof of possession of same documents at the time of ear-tagging, tattooing, or registration.

SPECIAL GROOMING RULE: HEADS AND TAILS MUST BE CLIPPED PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT THE FAIRGROUNDS. IF NOT, THEY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR EXHIBITION. No horns over one inch long on market steers. Breeding heifers is allowed horns if they are breed specific on registered breeds only. While in public area horned heifers must have protection covering the tips of the horns. All clipping must be done in a designated area, and final blocking must be done by a current year Pima County 4-H/FFA member. Approval may be obtained from the Beef Project Coordinator and Beef Superintendent for a current year Pima County 4-H/FFA leader to assist Senior Novice or Junior Novice members with final touch up fitting. Animal's exhibitor must be in attendance and assisting with final touch up fitting.

MARKET STEERS:

Min. wt. at tagging: 600 lbs. (Suggested)

Max. wt. at tagging: 1000 lbs. (Suggested)

Max. Age-Ear-tagging: All steers must have both temporary central incisors (BABY TEETH) in place at time of tagging

PREVIOUS SHOWS:

Steers will not be tagged that have been shown as market steers at any County, State, or National Show.

Max. number/exhibitor: two (2) + carcass steers

Minimum weight at Fair: 950 lbs.

Maximum weight at Fair: No maximum, although exhibitor will be paid for a maximum sale weight of 1200 lbs.

- A. All exhibitors must be present to take their steers & heifers across the scale for weigh-in at Fair. Any exceptions must be discussed with the Coordinator prior to weigh-in otherwise the steer or heifer will not be allowed across the scale.
- B. Any steer that leaves the Fairgrounds is not eligible to return to be placed on the packer's trucks provided by the Pima County Jr. Livestock Sales Committee.
- C. Project Coordinator reserves the right to make any changes or split any class or classes deemed necessary.
- D. Weight classes will be determined by breaking the Market Steer classes and Feeder Beef classes into approximately equal numbers as deemed appropriate by the Project Coordinator.
- E. Market steer and Pen of Three classes will be posted by 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 21, 2010.
- F. Exhibitors with steers eligible for the Arizona Bred, Born and Fed class must notify Project Coordinator of intent to exhibit in the "Best Arizona" class at time of ear-tagging. The exhibitor must provide proof of ownership as per the Arizona State

Livestock Board requirements. Ownership and registration papers must be in the exhibitor's name or proof of possession of same documents at the time of ear-tagging, tattooing, or registration.

- G. Steers may not be tied in livestock barn or rramada prior to weigh-in at Pima County Fair.
- H. There will be a **\$10.00** project support fee per exhibitor, payable at ear-tagging for market and breeding exhibitors payable at fair for feeder exhibitors.
- I. **All exhibitors must have a barrier at least 20" in height behind their steers. This may be of rope, chain or straw bales on end.**
- J. All beef animals must be double tied, with a halter and neck rope at all times, both in the barn and outside.
- K. No horseplay or rough housing will be allowed in the barn. Individuals doing this will be asked to leave the barn area.

FEEDER BEEF: (No Dairy breeds allowed)

OWNERSHIP DEADLINE:

January 15, 2010 - must be recorded with Project Coordinator.

FEEDER BEEF SHOW REGISTRATION

DEADLINE:

Entries must be postmarked by January 15, 2010. They are to be mailed to the Beef Coordinator. Proof of ownership must accompany the entry form.

- A. Maximum Weight: 949 LBS.
- B. Classes will be determined by the Project Coordinator.
- C. Steers tagged for market in November may not be entered in feeder class.

CARCASS BEEF:

- A. **Ownership Deadline: Saturday, November 14, 2009.**
- B. Animals will be ear-tagged at the same time as the market beef. You may tag 2 market steers. One of those steers may also be double tagged as a carcass steer. The decision to enter the steer into either the market or carcass class must be made by carcass beef weigh in. You will decide to have either two market steers and one carcass steer or 2 carcass steers and one market steer by carcass weigh-in. Heifers may also be tagged as a carcass animal.
- C. A finished live weight of 1000 to 1350 pounds is recommended in order for the meat carcass to meet suggested hot carcass weight of 600-900 pounds.
- D. A \$50.00 entry fee will be required of each entry at the time of registration to be used as premium money.
- E. Carcass beef weigh-in will be Sunday, April 18, 2010 from 4:00 – 5 p.m. Immediately after the weigh-in the 4-H/FFA beef carcass members must remain to judge the carcass beef live. This is open to all beef members. It is strongly recommended that beef carcass steers be halter broke but it is not mandatory.
- F. **Carcass beef will be judged on the rail.**

After carcass judging, reasons for placing and evaluation will be given on Wednesday, April 21, 2010, 9:00 am

- G. All meat carcass animals will be processed at the same facility for home use only - there will be no sales of these animals through the Livestock Auction or by consignment to packers. All processing fees will be paid by the exhibitor.
- H. Premium monies will be divided on the following basis:

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Grand Champion Carcass: 60%
Reserve Champion Carcass: 40%

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Grand Champion Carcass: 50%
Reserve Champion Carcass: 35%
3rd Place Carcass: 15%

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Grand Champion Carcass: 40%
Reserve Champion Carcass: 30%
3rd Place Carcass: 20%
4th Place Carcass: 10%

- I. All entry fees, fund-raisers and donation (if any) will be collected by the Project Coordinator and forwarded to the Pima County 4-H Leaders Association to disperse to the contestants. 10% of the money collected will be held for the following year's Carcass Fund.
- J. The Steer of Merit will be judged by Grid Pricing. Grid Pricing for dressed cattle is a combination of quality and yield grade. 90% of cattle are sold on a grid. We will use current market pricing based on USDA Market News Service at www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports which will be printed out that day. The tie-breaker will be the HCW after all calculations are done on the grid. An example of Grid Pricing is attached at the back of this Premium Book.

CLASS 1: CARCASS STEERS

CLASS 2: BREEDING BEEF HEIFERS

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- H1**-Spring Heifer Calves, calved June 1, 2009 and after
- H2**-Late Junior Calves, calved March 1 to May 31, 2009
- H3**-Early Junior Calves, calved January 1 to February 28, 2009

H4-Winter Heifer Calves, calved October 1 to December 31, 2009

H5-Senior Heifer Calves, calved August 1 to September 30, 2009

H6-Summer Yearling heifers, calved May 1 to July 31, 2008

H7-Spring Yearling Heifers, calved March 1 to April 30, 2008

H8-Junior Yearling Heifers, calved January 1 to February 28, 2007

To show a heifer at the 2010 Pima County Fair, the heifer must qualify for one of the above classes.

CLASS 3: FEEDER STEERS

1 Feeder Steers

2 Champion and Reserve Champion Feeder Steers

CLASS 4: MARKET STEERS

3 Market Steers

4 Championship - Grand and Reserve Champion Market Steers.

5 Average Daily Gain Award - Calculated on all steers and to be given to the steer having the highest average daily gain from date of ear-tagging to weigh-in at the Fair. This information will be made available to the judge upon request. The results will be posted.

**CLASS 5: BEST ARIZONA BRED,
BORN AND FED**

If the Grand and/or Reserve Champion Steers are not an Arizona Bred, Born and Fed steer there will be a class. The top two steers from each class must be available to enter the show ring after the Grand and Reserve Champion Class.

CLASS 6: BEST 4-H/FFA PEN OF THREE

MARKET STEERS

Three (3) animals, not necessarily of the same breed, from one (1) 4-H club or FFA. Quality and uniformity to be considered. If necessary a pegger may be a member of another club with the Project Coordinator's approval. Pen of 3 entries are due to the Project Coordinator by noon, Wednesday, April 21, 2010.

There will be a **1 hour lunch break** between the conclusion of the Pen of three class and the beginning of the Showmanship Class.

CLASS 7: SHOWMANSHIP

6 Junior Novice Showmanship

7 Junior Showmanship

8 Senior Novice Showmanship

9 Senior Showmanship

BEEF PROJECT AWARDS:

Grand and Reserve Champion Market Steer

Grand Champion and Reserve Champion

AZ Bred and Fed Steer

Champion Average Daily Gain Market Steer

Grand Champion & Reserve Champion Carcass Steer

Grand Champion & Reserve Champion Heifer

Champion Rate of Gain Carcass Steer

Champion Sr. and Reserve Champion Sr. Showman

Champion Jr. & Reserve Champion Jr. Showman

Senior and Junior Novice Showman

Pen of Three Champion