

3. Exhibitors are responsible to get their animals to the arena by 2:30pm day of sale. Cages will be set up for your use if animals are not in the arena by sale time they will be scratched and not sold.
4. Each Exhibitor is required to Thank your Buyer with a poster or Card to be displayed on cages or pens. Very important to acknowledge them for supporting us.
5. The animals sold at the Small Animal Auction must have been shown in the current fair year and be present at the fair on sale day to be eligible for the livestock sale.

**SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST**

1. Exhibitors must personally own the animal that they show in the Showmanship contest. Horses can be leased but members must be involved in animal care.
2. Judges are looking for Exhibitors who demonstrate superior skill in fitting, training and showing their animals.
3. Animals entered in Showmanship must be project animals trained and fitted by the 4-H or FFA member and records must have been kept on that animal.
4. **MANDATORY DRESS for all Showmanship classes except dog:** White long sleeved, long-tailed shirts with collar, buttoned up and tucked into black pants; dark footwear (no tennis shoes, rubber boots or sandals). FFA official dress is mandatory. **Hats are not allowed** in dairy, sheep, swine, goats, and dogs. Western hats, English helmets/hats or SEI helmets are required in Horse Showmanship Classes.
5. Novice showmanship is for first year members in livestock projects having a novice showmanship division, regardless of age. Novice showman will not be eligible to compete in the Round Robin.
6. Senior, Intermediate and Junior age categories are based on the member's age as of October 1, the beginning of the 4-H year.
7. Champion and Reserve Champion for the Senior, Intermediate, and Junior age classes will be selected.
8. The Champion Showman from the Senior, Intermediate, and Junior Division will be eligible to compete in the Round Robin Overall Showmanship Contest held of Friday evening.
9. Past winners are eligible to compete.

**ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST**

1. All Champion Showmen from each of the following species are expected to compete: Large animal - beef, sheep, swine, horse, dairy, market goat and dairy goat; Small animal - poultry, rabbit and dog.
2. Contestants must be the Senior, Intermediate or Junior Champion in a department.
3. In the situation where a member cannot be at the Round Robin the Superintendent must be notified in advance so an alternate showman can be arranged (usually the Reserve Showman in each division.)
4. Small Animal (poultry, rabbit, and dog) Round Robin participants can practice for the Round Robin at 1:00 p.m., Friday, in the poultry barn show arena.
5. Large Animal Round Robin Participants will not have a scheduled practice. However, participants can meet with other participants prior to the show on their own accord.
6. Several reasons for practice Round Robin:
  - a. Learn to handle other species.

- b. Have your animal become familiar with other species.
- c. Learn basic safety showing other animals.
7. Complete the information card on yourself for public information during Round Robin.
8. Past winners are eligible to compete.

**LARGE ANIMALS**

Beef  
Dairy  
Market Goat Dog  
Horse  
Sheep  
Swine

**SMALL ANIMALS**

Rabbit  
Poultry

**CARCASS EVALUATION**

Fair Superintendents and the MSU Extension Office will attempt to evaluate Beef, Hog, Lamb, and Market Goat carcasses on as many market animals as possible following the Fair. The guidelines for the carcass contests will be those suggested, by the Montana Extension Specialist for Beef, Swine and Sheep. Some animals are shipped out of the area including most of the lambs, which make carcass evaluation nearly impossible. In the event that a satisfactory evaluation cannot be made, the contest will be dropped for that year and the special premium money held for the next Fair year. No regular Fair premium will be paid for carcass placing.

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**DEPARTMENT 40  
4-H & FFA Beef**



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**Animals to be brought in Tuesday of Fair week from 11 am to 8 pm**

**MANDATORY MEETING FOR ALL BEEF WILL BE HELD MONDAY OF FAIR WEEK AT 6:30 pm**

Come prepared to Build the Bedding and Get the Barn Ready! This meeting will be very educational.

- Senior Showmanship - Age 14 and over
- Intermediate Showmanship - Age 12 & 13
- Junior Showmanship - Age 8-11
- Novice Showmanship - 1st year beef member, regardless of age

**Mandatory Market Beef and Companion Steer Interviews and Beef Breeding Interviews - Friday of Fair week at 10am. Schedule posted in the Beef Barn.**

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. See General 4-H, FFA, and Livestock rules for more information.
2. The Barn Superintendent, prior to the Fair will make beef stall assignments.
3. All entries in the Beef Barn will be horn-free.
4. Superintendents will request unruly, dangerous animals to be disqualified or removed from the Fairgrounds.
5. The Management requests that Livestock Exhibitors refrain from leading their animals out to water from 10 am to 5 pm. Water may be carried to the animals during those hours.
6. The Superintendents will screen all market beef and feeder exhibits for proper lot entry, prior to judging, including condition and weight.
7. January 1 of the current year will be used to determine age classification of animal. Cow efficiency age will be actual age of animal.
8. All beef animals are required to have a halter and neck rope on at all times.
9. Market and feeder stock will be limited to steers, beef breeds, or crossbreeds.
10. Late or improperly castrated steers will not be allowed to show.
11. Steers will be weighed upon arrival at the fairgrounds. If a steer does not meet the minimum weight requirement of 950 pounds, the steer is allowed to stay on the fairgrounds so the exhibitor may participate in the beef showmanship competition, then will go home by the end of the day.
12. Market beef must be weighed, tattooed and tagged at the beginning of the year by the 4-H Livestock Committee.
13. Market beef will be weighed and grouped in weight divisions for judging.
14. Exhibitors having showed a market beef and a bred beef heifer must tell the Beef Superintendents immediately after the Market Beef Show which animal is to be placed in the sale order.
15. **In order to exhibit breeding beef, the Exhibitor must be enrolled in the 4-H/FFA beef breeding project.**
16. Bulls do not have to be home raised by the Exhibitor or registered.