

DIVISION B - BEEF CATTLE

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The grooming and preparation of all animals for exhibit is the responsibility of the Exhibitor. Exhibitors may receive guidance **only** from immediate family members, Maryland 4-H/FFA Members and appointed UME Volunteers/FFA Advisors.

Division Rules & Regulations:

1. Exhibitors and their exhibits must comply with the "General State Fair Rules & Regulations", "General 4-H and FFA Rules & Regulations", "Animal Rules & Regulations", the "Maryland 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics", the "Health Regulations for Livestock Exhibited in Maryland", these "Division Rules & Regulations" and the applicable "Section Rules & Regulations".
2. **Schedule for 2018:**
 - a. **Beef exhibits must be in place by 12:00noon, Friday, August 24th**
 - b. **Beef exhibitor Orientation – 12:00noon, Friday, August 24th**
 - c. **Beef Steers, Commercial Heifers and Dairy Steers weigh 12:30pm, Friday, August 24th**
 - d. **Steer Grading for Livestock Sale – at weigh-in – 12:30pm, Friday, August 24th**
 - e. **Beef Heifer Check-In – 3:00pm, Friday, August 24th**
 - f. **Beef Showmanship – 9:00am, Saturday, August 25th**
 - g. **Beef Heifer Show – 2:00pm, Saturday, August 25th**
 - h. **Beef Steer Show – 8:00am, Monday, August 27th**
 - i. **Livestock Sale – 7:00pm, Monday, August 27th**
 - j. **4-H Beef Heifers Released – 8:00pm, Sunday, August 26th**
 - k. **4-H Beef Steers Released – 2:00pm, Monday, August 27th (if the Steer Show runs past 2:00pm, then steers are not released until the conclusion of the Steer Show.)**
3. **Entries:** Entries will be received on Friday, August 24th, beginning at 7am and no later than 12:00 noon in the Cow Palace. **All animals must be in place by 12 noon on Friday, August 24th.** Refer to "Schedule of Events" and "4-H/FFA Exhibit Entry Information" for additional information. **DO NOT BRING TACK/DECOR BEFORE Wednesday, August 22nd. DO NOT BRING ANIMALS BEFORE FRIDAY, AUGUST 24th! Tie-outs will be available in 2018.**

Pre-entry is required. **YOU MUST USE THE INTERNET ENTRY SYSTEMS FOUND AT www.marylandstatefair.com Internet entries are due July 31st.** Exhibitors without internet access should contact their County Extension Educator for assistance. All release forms are to be completed online through the entry system at time of registration. Reminder you must have completed your Quality Assurance to be able to exhibit your animals. Check with your county to make sure you are up to date with this requirement.

- a. Only steers with **purebred** bloodlines can show in Angus, Hereford, and Shorthorn steer classes. **Breed Association registration papers are required at weigh-in and steers must be tattooed prior to arrival on fairgrounds.** All others must show as beef crossbreds.
- b. Steers will be shown by breed and weight. **Indicate breed on entry form.** Steers must weigh a minimum of 1,000 lbs. All animals will be weighed and divided into classes at the superintendent's discretion. Number of classes may vary among breeds. **Re-weighing will NOT be permitted. Steers must be born on or after January 1, 2017.**
- c. For heifers, indicate breed, date of birth, registration number, sire, and dam on entry form. Commercial heifers will be shown by weight, not by age.
- d. Exhibitors are limited to not more than 5 steers, and may not win more than 2 premiums in any one class.
2018: Exhibitors may enter up to 2 heifers per class per breed including Commercial heifers.
- e. **Steers and commercial heifers will be weighed beginning at 12:30pm, Friday, August 24th on the scales in the Swine Barn. New for 2018, the market beef steers and the market dairy steers will be graded at the time of weigh-in; this will be at 12:30pm, Friday, August 24th.** Exhibitor Orientation will be held on Friday, August 24th at 12:00 noon in the Cow Palace Show Ring. Breeding cattle registration papers will be checked following steer and commercial heifer weigh-in on Friday, August 24th in the Cow Palace. Commercial heifer tags will be checked when heifers are weighed in at the Swine Barn scale.
- f. Market steers must have a minimum average daily gain of 2.0 lb. to be eligible to show and sell at the Maryland State Fair in 2018. Starting weight and date must be verified by the County 4-H Extension Educator/ FFA Advisor. Refer to State Fair 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale rules for additional information pertaining to beef steer sale animals.
- g. The Grand Champion Beef Market Steer MUST sell in the 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale on Monday, August 27th. Reserve Grand Champion Steer may sell (but is NOT required to sell) in the 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale. A total of **14 beef steers** (including the Grand Champion Beef Steer) will be sold in the Livestock Sale. **New for 2018, the market beef steers and the market dairy steers will be graded at the time of weigh-in; this will be Friday, August 24th at 12:30pm.** Refer to State Fair 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale rules for additional information pertaining to beef steer sale animals.
- h. Steers and heifers must be **dehorned** and **healed**. Steers are to be castrated and healed except in class B21. For safety reasons, entries for animals not meeting these criteria will not be accepted.
- i. Commercial heifers are **unrecorded** crossbreds. All current rules apply. These heifers will be shown by weight and divided into weight classes. **COMMERCIAL HEIFERS MUST BE TAGGED WITH AN OFFICIAL MARYLAND 4-H TAG BY JULY 1, 2018 and exhibitors must have a copy of their 4-H livestock registration form at check-in.**
- j. Substitutions: Exhibitors may substitute one animal for another.
4. **Ownership:**
 - a. All steers must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor by January 1 of the current year. All steers must be tagged with a MD 4-H or MD FFA Livestock tag.
 - b. Breeding heifers must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and must be **solely owned and registered in the name of the exhibitor only** by July 1, 2018. Cows and calves in the cow/calf class must be registered in the name of the owner and both must be tattooed. Registration certificates and tattoos will be checked by the superintendent. Entries received with "Papers Pending" will not be accepted. Cows entered in the Cow/calf class will not compete for Champion Female.
 - c. Ear tattoos must be legible and conform to the respective BREED ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE. Exhibitors must clean the animal's ears prior to check-in (free of wax and/or dirt) of registered heifers and purebred registered steers.

- d. **Bred and Owned Classes:** Exhibitors in the Bred and Owned Classes in 4-H/FFA animal divisions must be the breeder and the first and continuous owner of the animal entered. "Breeder" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time of breeding/service. "First Owner" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time the animal was born.
5. Proper attire must be worn during the showmanship classes, steer show, heifer show, and the livestock sale. Refer to the 4-H AND FFA ANIMAL SHOW ATTIRE section under the GENERAL STATE FAIR RULES & REGULATIONS for show attire requirements.
 6. **County Groups** - A county group shall consist of 4 animals (4 steers or 4 heifers) owned by four different 4-H and/or FFA members. Each county is limited to 2 entries. Exhibitors may only show in one county group.
 7. Exhibitor Orientation will be held on Friday, August 24th at 12:00 noon in the Cow Palace Show Ring.
 8. All animals that compete in market or breed classes MUST compete in the breed and overall champion drives. Failure to compete will eliminate the exhibitor from Maryland State Fair 4-H competition the following year and will result in the forfeiture of all premiums in the current year.
 9. Exhibitors must show their own animal. Refer to the "Animal Rules & Regulations" section of the GENERAL STATE FAIR RULES & REGULATIONS for more information and details.
 10. **ALL 4-H BEEF DEPARTMENT SHOWS (SHOWMANSHIP, STEERS, & HEIFERS) WILL BE UNFITTED. This means animals can only be washed and blown out with NO adhesives, show foam, coloring agents, paints, oils or other fitting aids allowed to prepare cattle for show. Exhibitors ARE allowed to use hair and skin care products and conditioners (such as Revive, Kleen Sheen) as part of the regular daily grooming and hair maintenance of their beef cattle while at State Fair. Animals may be subject to being wiped with a white towel, cloth, etc. as they report to the make-up area and show ring.**

BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

Section Rules & Regulations:

1. Pre-entry is required. Internet Entry Forms are due to the State Fair by July 31, 2018. Exhibitors will compete according to their 4-H Age (age as of 1/1/18). Classes may be further divided at the sole discretion of the Superintendent. An Exhibitor is limited to showing one (1) animal (either a steer or a heifer). Animals must be owned by the exhibitor and entered in a breeding or steer class in this division. Refer to "4-H and FFA Fitting & Showmanship Regulations" for additional information.
2. Participants in Showmanship will be judged strictly on their showmanship in the ring. Judging Criteria: Performance in the Show Ring (60), Knowledge (30), and Personal Appearance (10). Showmanship animals **will not be fitted** and may only be washed, clipped and blown out prior to entry in the ring. No fitting products (oil, show foams, adhesives, coloring agents, paints, etc.) are to be used on the animal. Judge may ask questions of the contestants during this class.
3. Showmanship Grand Champion will be eligible to participate in the 4-H/FFA All-Star Showmanship Contest on Sunday, August 26, 2018 @7pm. See Division X, Section XV- 4-H/FFA All-Star Showmanship Contest for rules.

CLASSES

- B1 Showmanship - Senior (4-H Age 18)
- B2 Showmanship - Senior (4-H Age 17)
- B3 Showmanship - Senior (4-H Age 16)
- B4 Showmanship - Senior (4-H Age 15)
- B5 Showmanship - Senior (4-H Age 14)
- B6 *Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Sr. Champ - Rosette & Award*
- B7 Showmanship - Intermediate (4-H Age 13)
- B8 Showmanship - Intermediate (4-H Age 12)
- B9 Showmanship - Intermediate (4-H Age 11)
- B10 *Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Int. Champ - Rosette & Award*
- B11 Showmanship - Junior (4-H Age 10)
- B12 Showmanship - Junior (4-H Age 9)
- B13 Showmanship - Junior (4-H Age 8)
- B14 *Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Jr. Champ - Rosette & Award*
- B15 *Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Grand Champ – Rosette/ Trophy*
- B16 Champion Challenge

BREEDING HEIFERS

Breeds: Angus, Charolais, Commercial, Hereford, Shorthorn, Simmental & All Other Registered Purebreds (includes Recorded Crossbreds, Red Angus, Shorthorn Plus, etc. – all other registered non-purebred cattle)

****NOTE:** If fewer than 12 animals and a minimum of 5 exhibitors have entered in a given breed, that breed may be shown in the AOB/Other Registered Purebreds division, at the discretion of the Superintendent.

Show Order: Angus, Charolais, Commercial, Hereford, Shorthorn, Simmental, AOB/Other Registered Purebreds.

CLASSES

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| B20 Cow/calf - natural calf, nursing and born Jan 1, 2018 or later | B30 Senior yearling (not freshened) calved Nov 1 - Dec 31, 2016 |
| B21 Bull or steer calf from cow shown in Class B20 | B31 Early Senior Yearling Heifer-not freshened- calved Sep 1 - Oct 31, 2016 |
| B22 Junior heifer calves calved Jan 1, 2018 or later | B32 Bred & Owned Heifer Class (Each Breed, only 1 heifer per exhibitor) |
| B23 Late senior heifers calved Nov 1 - Dec 31, 2017 | B33 Commercial Heifer Classes |
| B24 Early senior heifers calved Sep 1 - Oct 31, 2017 | B34 & B35 <i>Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Bred & Owned Champion & Reserve Champion Heifer - Rosette (Only Bred and Owned Heifers from Classes B22-B31 are eligible to compete)</i> |
| B25 Late summer yearling heifers calved Jul 1 - Aug 31, 2017 | B36 & B37 <i>Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Breed Champion & Reserve Champion Heifer – Rosette (Only class winners from Classes B22 –B31 are eligible to compete)</i> |
| B26 Early summer yearling heifers calved May 1 - Jun 30, 2017 | B38 <i>Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Supreme Champion Heifer</i> |
| B27 April junior yearling heifers calved Apr 1 - Apr 30, 2017 | B39 <i>Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Supreme Champion Bred & Owned Heifer</i> |
| B28 March junior yearling heifers calved Mar 1 - Mar 31, 2017 | |
| B29 Early junior yearling heifers calved Jan 1 - Feb 28, 2017 | |

MARKET STEERS

Breeds: Angus, Hereford, Shorthorn, & Crossbred & Other Beef Breeds Steers. **Show order: Angus, Hereford, Shorthorn, Crossbreds & Other Breeds.** Market steers must weigh a minimum of 1,000 pounds and must have a minimum average daily gain of 2.0 lbs. to show. **An animal that does not make rate of gain remains eligible to be shown in Showmanship classes and market exhibition classes only. See General Rules & Regulations- Animal section rule #10 for details.** Refer to State Fair 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale rules for weight restrictions on sale animals.

CLASSES

B40	Steer – Angus	B41	Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Market Steer Ch/Res (Angus) - Rosette
B42	Steer – Hereford	B43	Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Market Steer Ch/Res. (Hereford) - Rosette
B44	Steer – Shorthorn	B45	Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Market Steer Ch/Res. (Shorthorn) - Rosette
B46	Steer - Other Breeds/Crossbreds	B47	Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Market Steer Ch/Res. (OB/Crossbred) – Rosette
		B48	Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Market Steer Grand Champion – Rosette & Trophy
		B49	Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Market Steer Reserve Grand Champion – Rosette
B50	County Group	B51	Award Class (Fair Use Only) – County Group Champion – Rosette & Special Award

EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS

Section Rules & Regulations:

- 4-H'ers are invited to plan an educational exhibit to be on display during the State Fair in the Cow Palace. The exhibit may be an informational poster or other educational display. Youth and adults working together is encouraged. Contact the Superintendent for more info. Each exhibitor may enter 2 exhibits.
- 4-H Members carrying a Beef project in the current year are eligible to participate. A \$5 Participation Premium will be paid.

CLASS

B100 Beef Educational Exhibit

PREMIUM SCHEDULE	Classes	1st Place	2nd – 20th Place
	Fitting & Showmanship Classes	\$20	\$15
	Breeding Heifer, Bred & Owned Heifer, and Market Steer Classes	\$40	\$30
	County Groups: Premiums will be paid to the county 4-H program	\$35	\$25, \$15, \$10

Rate of Gain Production Awards & Premiums

- B55 Rate of Gain for each steer will receive one of the following ribbons: Excellent-Blue, Very Good-Red or Good-White according to the following schedule: Excellent (2.61+), Very Good (2.21-2.60), Good (2.00-2.20). Premiums will be as follows: Excellent (\$10), Very Good (\$8), Good (\$6).
- B56 Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Rate of Gain Champion – Rosette & Bill Curry Memorial Award

SPECIAL AWARDS

- An award will be presented to the Exhibitor of the Grand Champion Steer, *sponsored by David Feeser & Family, A&W Country Meats.*
- An award will be presented to the Exhibitor of the Reserve Grand Champion Steer, *sponsored by the Montgomery County 4-H Beef Club.*
- An award will be presented to the Exhibitor of the Supreme Champion Heifer, *sponsored by the Harford Stockyards 4-H Club.*
- An award will be presented to the Exhibitor of the Supreme Champion Bred and Owned Heifer, *sponsored by the Harford County 4-H Livestock Club.*
- The Bill Curry Memorial Award will be presented to the Exhibitor of the Champion Rate of Gain Steer, *sponsored by the Charles Co. 4-H Livestock Committee.*
- An award will be presented to the Junior Showmanship Champion.
- An award will be presented to the Intermediate Showmanship Champion.
- An award will be presented to the Senior Showmanship Champion, *sponsored by the Frederick County 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Club.*
- An award will be presented to the Grand Champion Showman, *sponsored by Dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Maryland.*
- An award will be presented to the Exhibitor of the Champion and Reserve Champion Crossbred Steer, *sponsored by the Howard County 4-H Beef Club.*

BREED AWARDS

- ANGUS**
- Awards will be presented to the exhibitors of the Champion and Reserve Champion Angus Steer, sponsored by The Maryland Angus Association
 - Awards will be presented to the exhibitors of the Champion and the Reserve Champion Angus Heifer, *sponsored by The Maryland Angus Women's Club.*
 - Award will be presented to the exhibitor of the Champion Bred & Owned Angus Heifer, *sponsored by the MD Junior Angus Association*
- HEREFORD**
- Awards will be presented to the exhibitor of the Champion Hereford Steer, Reserve Champion Hereford Steer, Champion Hereford Heifer, and Reserve Champion Hereford Heifer, sponsored by The Maryland Hereford Association.
- SHORTHORN**
- Awards will be presented to the exhibitor of the Champion Purebred Shorthorn Steer, Reserve Champion Purebred Shorthorn Steer, Champion Purebred Shorthorn Heifer, Reserve Champion Purebred Shorthorn Heifer.

PREVIOUS SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

2008 – Wayne Dwyer, Kent County	2015 – McKenzie Zepp, Carroll County
2009 – Karey Howes, Carroll County	2016 – Wyatt Debnam, Carroll County
2010 – Jim Moxley, Howard County	2017 – Gunner Crawford, Frederick County
2011 – Jessica Clarke, Frederick County	
2012 – Melissa Grimmel, Harford County	
2013 – McCall Griffith, Washington County	
2014 – Rachel Clark, Washington County	