

MAUI 4-H LIVESTOCK BEEF STEER PROJECT RULES 2015 - 2016

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INTRODUCTION

The Maui 4-H Livestock Program is part of a nationwide educational program. It is sponsored by the USDA, the Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Hawaii, and the Maui County 4-H Livestock Committee.

The goal of 4-H is to assist young people in acquiring knowledge, developing skills, and forming attitudes that will enable them to become self directed, productive, and contributing members of society.

4-H projects emphasize learning-by-doing with emphasis on livestock management, and physiology of their animals. The Maui County 4-H Livestock Show offers an opportunity for 4-Hers to practice responsible skills, and develop leadership in areas of organization, showmanship, judging, and marketing of their animals.

The dedication and commitment of the 4-H leaders, families and members of the community who make this program possible are gratefully acknowledged.

BEEF STEER PROJECT

Eligibility for Show

1. The 4-H Beef Steer Project is open to all youth who are 9 years of age as of 1/1/16 and have not turned 19 by 1/1/16. On 1/1/16 if a 4-Her is between the ages of 9 - 13 they will be classified as a junior, if between the ages of 14-19 they will be classified as a senior. The 4-Her must be enrolled in the 4-H program at the CES office prior to the steer weigh in. The 4-Her must be a paid member of the Maui 4-H Livestock Association. Membership dues of \$5.00 per 4-Her, will be collected on or before the weigh in along with the project registration fees. The 4-Her should be physically capable of handling his/her animal. The 4-Her must physically care for his/her own animal daily throughout the project.

2. Eligibility

a. To be eligible for the beef steer contest and auction, the 4-H exhibitors must be enrolled in a beef steer project by November 21, 2015, and have in his/her possession one beef steer, under suitable facilities, that weighs at least 400 pounds but not more than 850 pounds; if a steer is over 850 pounds it cannot be weighed again. The steer must not be over 24 months old at the time of the state show and sale. Steers will be declared ineligible if the animal is not of an acceptable beef type and conformation. Any animal showing predominant (over 50%) dairy breed characteristics shall be eliminated. The animal may be screened for some major defects. All project steers will be weighed, ear tagged and checked for eligibility at this first screening and weigh-in. Recommended that all animals be accompanied by the 4-Her at weigh-in. This weigh-in will count towards herdsmanship points. The official weigh in will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2015 from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. at Haleakala Scale Pen located on Kekaulike Highway.

b. Should an animal die, be injured severely, or become sick enough to be disqualified from the project, the 4-Hers can replace the project by December 12, 2015. If this happens it is the responsibility of the 4-Her to notify the beef steer chairperson as soon as possible. The beef steer committee must verify this disqualification.

c. To be eligible for entry in the beef steer contest, steers must be either naturally polled or dehorned. The beef steer committee shall have the sole responsibility and authority to declare an animal ineligible which may include screening, tours, inspections or pre-shows. Steers not meeting this requirement may be disqualified.

Definition: A dehorned animal is one that has had the total horn removed. Scars that may occur in the polled breeds must also be removed. Any re-growth that does occur should be removed by additional dehorning or by filing.

d. Steers must be haltered as soon as possible. Advisement by the leader and the beef steer committee will be taken into consideration in determining whether the steer should be declared ineligible or considered for an additional screening, however, the beef steer committee will be provided the authority to make the final decision. Beef steers passing this requirement at this checking for eligibility will be subject to meet this rule at all subsequent screening as well as at the time of show and sale.

e. The beef steer committee will have 1 (one) tour and 3 (three) pre-shows. The last pre-show will be mandatory. Beef Steer tour is scheduled for Saturday February 14, 2016, Pre-shows are scheduled for Saturday March 05, 2016, Saturday April 17 and Saturday May 21, 2016.

f. The 4-Her must have attended a Quality Assurance Class within the project year. This class is to be coordinated with the assistance of the Maui 4-H Livestock Board and CTAHR agents.

3. The Hawaii State 4-H Livestock Project Record Book must be up to date, hand written by 4-her and available for the Beef Steer Committee at all times. It must be completed, and sent into the club leader on (date to be announced) for judging. Date to be set by CTAHR. The record books must be turned in by the leader to the Extension Office no later than 3:30 PM on the date to be determined. If not turned in by the specified date and time the 4-Her will be disqualified. Record books must be signed by the club leader, and taken by the club leader (no parents or 4-Hers to turn in record books) to Maui Cooperative Extension Service, 310 Kaahumanu Avenue, Building 214, Kahului, HI. 96732. *Record books are invalid if 4-H participant drops out prior to mandatory pre show.

4. To be eligible for the beef steer show, all animals must be accompanied by the 4-Her and be at the showgrounds, for weigh-in at a time and date specified by the 4-H Livestock Committee. Announcement of the dates will be made one month prior to the show.

5. Animal will undergo visual inspection prior to being weighed at the county show by a state veterinarian if available or a selected certified veterinarian.

6. The intent of 4-H Livestock projects is to allow all 4-Hers an equal opportunity to purchase, raise, show, and sell their animals. Any activity or intent to violate these rules will be grounds for declaring the animal and 4-Her ineligible for the show and sale. Any inhumane treatment of animals will result in disqualification. The Livestock Committee will be informed of any violations of these rules. The Beef Steer Committee will have the final authority to disqualify any 4-Her and his/her animal.

7. Any grievances or criticisms of the Beef Steer Project (including but not limited to, pre-shows, tours, contest and sale) will be taken to the Maui 4-H Livestock Executive Board in writing, and will include possible solutions to subject grievances or criticisms.

8. The project chairman/ringmaster in conjunction with the judge will have the authority to declare animals ineligible if they pose a danger to other participants in the show ring.

9. Club leaders will provide each project participant with a set of rules and a record book at initial project meeting.

10. Whenever there are fewer than two (2) juniors or two (2) seniors, divisions will be combined with joint (open) competition and with one set of awards for the following: Showmanship, Herdsmanship, Record Book and Live Carcass.

11. The top two (2) senior showmen from the Beef Steer Showmanship contest are eligible to participate in the Supreme Showmanship competition. In the event that one (1) or both of these top two (2) winners choose not to represent the Beef Steer species in the competition, then the third place senior runner up will be eligible to compete in the Supreme Showmanship competition. In the event that there are not at least two (2) seniors entered in this event, the competition is

cancelled. Animals for the contest will be selected by the judge and a committee of the species chairpersons.

12. All animals entered in the Maui County 4-H Livestock Association show may be used in the Maui 4-H Livestock Supreme Showmanship contest.

Official Dress

4-H members are expected to wear official 4-H dress while participating in all show classes and showmanship classes. This shall consist of a white shirt with the 4-H emblem on pocket, black or blue denim jeans and covered shoes. A 4-H cap or cowboy hat is optional.

Market Steer Contest

1. Only steers that weigh 850 pounds or more will be entered in the market steer Contest.
2. Weight classes will be determined by the show judge and the beef steer committee.
3. Steers will be judged on conformation, quality, and finish.
4. All steers must be shown by 4-Her who officially enrolled steer at weigh in of project.

Herdsmanship Contest

1. The herdsmanship contest will be judged on an individual basis, in both senior and junior classes. The individual will be judged at all weigh-ins, screening, tours, pre-shows, and at the show. The Beef Steer committee will have the authority to designate individual herdsmanship recognition.
2. A total of 130 points can be obtained by each 4-Her in the herdsmanship competition:
 - 80 points can be obtained by each 4-Her prior to the show by attending the steer weigh-in (10pts.); Steer Tour (10 pts.) provided that record keeping is up-to-date and 4-Her welcomes steer chairperson and committee; three

steer pre-shows (10pts. each); physically attend general membership meetings (5 pts. each). 50 points can be obtained at the county show.

3. The basis of the judging will be:

a. Neatness of exhibitors: Uniform-4-H club shirt with 4-H emblem, black or blue denim jeans and covered shoes. A 4-H cap or cowboy hat is optional.

b. Cleanliness of animals.

c. Cleanliness and appropriateness of stalls and equipment.

d. Independence of 4-Hers in caring for steer.

e. Ability of 4-Hers to lead and handle animals.

f. Record book: 4-Hers are expected to keep complete and current record books that reflect the goals, efforts, and expenditures of the 4-H member's project. Independence of family assistance will be evaluated. All books must be handwritten by 4-Hers themselves. A completed record book is mandatory to enter the contest and auction.

g. General attitude and knowledge

h. Recommendation of project leader

i. Awards will be determined by the awards committee. There will be a Jr. and Sr. Contest

j. Stall cards must be fully completed and in place by 8 a.m. Saturday (day of the contest).

Showmanship Contest

1. There will be a junior and senior showmanship contest. Junior members are 13 and below; seniors are from 14 years old as of January 1" of the current year. The animals will be judged for cleanliness, grooming, and training. The 4-H contestant shall be judged for appearance and proficiency in showing and handling of the animal.

2. Awards will be determined by the Awards committee.

3. No 4-H participant will be exempt from the Showmanship contest unless beef chairperson had been notified and excuse has been approved. Should a 4-Her participant not comply, they will be excluded from herdsmanship competition.

4. 4-H participant must show steer they officially enrolled at weigh in of project to be eligible for showmanship contest. 4-Her will be judged in appearance of animal, exhibitor and showing of animal.

Carcass Contest

All steers shown in the County Show who do not go to the State Show will participate in the carcass contest. The steers will be slaughtered at a plant approved by the Maui 4-H Livestock Committee and graded by a federal grader or UH Beef Specialist on availability.

Auction and Sale

1. All steers which weigh 850 pounds or more will be entered in the auction or will go to the State Show and Sale. The 4-Hers will be paid only for the first 1300 pounds.

2. Any steers failing to meet the 850 pounds minimum cannot enter into the Market Steer Contests and will have to remove the steer from the show grounds.

3. Steers going to the State Show and Sale will be mouthed by a certified person cleared by the State Livestock Committee. Steers determined to be more than 24 months old will not be sent to the State Show.

4. Sale order will be according to the placement in the show, which is determined by the show judge: the highest place first. In case of more than one class, the judge of the show will determine the order of the sale.

5. Steers will be weighed on day of arrival (date and time specified by the committee). First weight reported by the weigh master will be the final weight for the show and sale purposes.

6, 4-Hers and parents will be responsible to set up and clean up all areas used by the Maui 4-H Livestock Association, this will count as part of the herdsmanship contest. The 4-Hers will be responsible for their own stall, making sure all areas are cleaned and to perform any other task requested by the Beef Committee. All 4-Hers are responsible for their steers throughout the entire duration of the project which includes all weigh-ins, pre-shows, moving, showing, loading and unloading of animals until they are accepted by the slaughterhouse, the association and its volunteers at the fair and auction are not liable for any animal injuries or deaths that might occur during any activity. 4-H members can determine if their own personal insurance policies cover animal mortality. 4-Hers are also responsible for delivering the slaughtered beef to the buyer in good condition.

7. Blue ribbon steers will have the option of going to the State Show and Sale. It is the responsibility of the 4-Her to notify the Beef Steer Chairperson of his or her intent to go to the State Show and Sale within 30 minutes after the show.

8. Prior to the auction, an announcement will be made that all 4-H steers sold through the sale be slaughtered at an approved slaughter house for carcass evaluation.

9. A Buyers Pupu hospitality tent will be set up for pupus and non-alcoholic beverages before the sale.

10. The exhibitor shall pay to the Maui 4-H Livestock Association:

a 5% of sale price

b. Cost of slaughter

c. Unpaid fund raiser money (if applicable)

d. Registration Fee- A fee of \$60.00 per project will be collected at the first weigh in, on the designated pick up date. Or collection may be made at the general membership meeting prior to the Beef Steer Weigh in. Fees will be collected by a person designated by the committee and will be turned in to the treasurer. Should the animal die Registration fees are non-refundable.

e. Membership Dues- A fee of \$5.00 per 4-Her raising a steer project will be collected at the first weigh in.

(Note: Cash or Checks payable to the Maui 4-H Livestock Association will be accepted. In an event that a check be returned for insufficient funds a return fee will be charged.)