

2024 Nelson County 4-H/FFA Youth Beef Show Rules

General Rules & Regulations

- 1. This show is open to regularly enrolled Nelson County 4-H and FFA members engaged in an approved beef project. All entries must be under the supervision of the extension agent or vocational agriculture instructor. Exhibitors ages are based on January 1, 2024.
- Entry time will begin at 9am EST on July 17th, 2024 at the Nelson County Fairgrounds.
- 2. All KY origin animals for exhibition shall be individually identified on a certificate of veterinary inspection written within the current calendar year. January 1 through December 31.
- 3. All animals must be shown by youth, and all adults shall remain outside the show ring. Each exhibitor must show his/her animal unless incapacitated or has more than one entry in the class, then another youth may show the animal. The rules committee must approve any exhibitor changes prior to the show. Exhibitors must be present during the show.
- **4. All Market Steers and Market Heifers must be KUIP tagged.**
- 5. Eligible Breeds/Breed Classifications: To qualify for a breed show, there must be a **minimum of one head.**
 - A. Commercial Division - Commercial Heifers only. Animals must not have been issued a registration paper.
- 6. All entries must be halter broken. Any exhibitor that loses control of his/her entry more than two times will be asked to leave the ring. Any animal that the show committee considers to be a hazard to exhibitors, spectators, etc. will be excused from the show and will be ineligible for class placement and premiums.
- 7. Exhibitors are expected to treat their animals in a manner consistent with good animal husbandry and display proper sportsmanship at all times.
- 8. The use of dyes or other coloring agents to camouflage the natural coloring of an animal is prohibited. Use of false tail heads or switches will be prohibited.
- 9. 4-H & FFA: Adult/youth partnerships are acceptable for breeding animals and market animals providing each partner's full name is on the registration certificate. Animals registered in a farm only are not allowed.
- 10. An exhibitor violating any of the regulations may be denied the opportunity to participate in the event and/or forfeit all premiums won.
- 11. All times and dates were correct at time of printing. They are subject to change or rescheduling due to weather.
- **12. Due to limited stalling space, exhibitors are requested to conserve space. Exhibitors may be required to move animals, tack or blocking chutes to accommodate others. Local committees may refuse reserve stalling requests.**
- 13. A Purebred cow with a percentage calf will be classed within the breed of the cow.

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- 14. Classes will be offered for registered and commercial heifers and for registered bred-and-owned bulls. Registration papers from a recognized breed association are required to show in breed classes. Registered animals must be permanently identified per breed association requirements.
- 15. Ownership of animals by the exhibitor is required. Heifers shall be owned by June 1st. All heifers owned in partnership must conform to exhibitor's organization requirements.
- 16. If there is a question concerning ownership of an animal, official registration papers are the preferred documents of record. In the event they are not available, a copy of the animal's registration, along with an application for transfer, a bill of sale, or other appropriate documents may be accepted.
- 17. All animals must be registered in order to show in the registered division of the show. Entries must be owned by exhibitor by June 1 of the current show year and positively identified per breed association requirements.
- 18. The number of entries an exhibitor may show is **five**. No more than five animals.
- 19. No animal will be allowed to show more than once except for championship drive, or cow-calf classes.
- 20. Individual breeds may provide special awards.
- 21. "Bred and Owned" definition: The owner of a "bred and owned" animal is the person owning the dam of an animal at the time of that animal's conception and listed as breeder on the original registration certificate. Bulls only, there will not be any Bred-and Owned female classes offered at any District Beef Show or Junior Livestock Expo.
- 22. Only registered Bred-and-Owned Bull classes will be offered.

COMMERCIAL HEIFER DIVISION

- 1. A commercial heifer division will be offered at Nelson County 4-H/FFA Youth Beef Show. All commercial heifers exhibited must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and be a part of the exhibitor's breeding program. Verification of ownership must be made by the 4-H agent or vo-ag instructor and must be included with the entry forms.
- 2. All animals must be permanently identified by legible tattoo or brand and be in the possession of the exhibitor by June 1 of the show year.
- 3. Commercial animals can be exhibited in the commercial division only.
- 4. Any heifer that has been issued a registration certificate by a purebred breed association is not eligible to show in the commercial division.

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YOUTH SHOWMANSHIP RULES

- A showmanship contest will be held. Division and age breaks are as follows:
 - Novice: Anyone under 9 years old as of Jan. 1, 2024.
 - Division I: 9-11
 - Division II: 12-13
 - Division III: 14-16
 - Division IV: 17 and above.
- All ages are as of January 1 of the current show year.
- Each exhibitor must show his/her own animal.

The local committee has the right to break classes into smaller classes if the need arises.

GENERAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

- 1.All Kentucky origin livestock must meet the exhibition requirements in 302 KAR 20:065, as listed below. For additional or updated information, contact the Office of the State Veterinarian at (502) 573-0282 or [click here](#).
- 2.Kentucky is classified as a Brucellosis and Tuberculosis free state; therefore, no Brucellosis or Tuberculosis test is required.
- 3.Livestock exhibiting signs of any infectious, contagious or communicable disease such as, but not limited to, warts, ringworm, pinkeye or foot rot are not eligible for exhibition. All KY origin animals for exhibition shall be individually identified on a certificate of veterinary inspection written within the current calendar year. January 1 through December 31.