

**McCurtain County Free Fair
Official Fair Book
September 6 – 10, 2011**

All Cattle Rules and Regulations

The logo for McCurtain County is a horizontal, irregular shape with a dark brown, wood-grain texture. The words "McCurtain County" are written across it in a light yellow, serif font. The logo is positioned at the top of a large, light brown rectangular area that has a thin dark brown border.

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General Rules

- *Maximum entries per exhibitor is 3 steers, 3 heifers and 3 bulls.*
- *All grooming chutes and equipment boxes will be stored in designated area to allow unrestricted viewing of exhibits, exception 6:00 am until 1 hours after last Beef animal is shown on the day of Beef Show.*

Division 1– Section 100

Sponsor: Keeney Trucking

Commercial Stocker Calf Program (Pen of Three)

Weigh-in **TBA**

Weigh-out **Aug. TBA**

Brad Bain, Superintendent

Purpose

To provide an opportunity to gain practical experience in growing and merchandising commercial stocker–feeder cattle.

Eligibility

McCurtain County Junior Exhibitors cattle must be owned by contestant.

Number of Cattle

Three calves per entry: Maximum of two entries (six calves per participant). All three must be weighed in and weighed out to qualify. There will be no appraisal changes after the weigh out; no alteration changes in weights, gains and appraisals.

Total weight of each pen of calves may not exceed 1,650 pounds at time of weigh in.

Kind of Cattle

Weaned Stocker Cattle– Any breed or quality: Each pen of calves must be one sex and of uniform size and quality. Judges will disqualify non–uniform calves.

Total weight of each pen of calves may not exceed 1,650 pounds at time of weigh in.

Transportation of Cattle

Participants are responsible for providing all transportation of cattle.

Judging for Awards

Financial summaries supported by properly kept record books will be judged to determine those pens of cattle producing the greatest net profit (least loss) to be turned in at weigh out of cattle.

Responsibility

The Rules Committee reserves the right to settle all questions concerning the program. Failure to comply with rules may disqualify the participant and his stock from the program.

Procedure for Entry

Participants shall deliver pens of three cattle to be entered to specified location where they will be ear tagged, tattooed and weighed. Official judged will grade and price each pen of calves at current market value. This weight and price will be considered the initial weight and price for contest.

Entry Date and Duration of Program

All calves will be entered at specified time. Final judging will be three top entries and will be exhibited at the County Fair where awards will be presented.

Feeding and Care of Cattle

The participant may choose to turn his calves on pasture with other cattle or fence them separately. Supplemental feeding is optional. Use of wormers is optional.

Pen of Three

1. Upon arriving at the weigh in arena, calves will be tagged, tattooed, photo and turned into a pen with feed and water for approximately 3 hours before being weighed and priced.
2. Steers or heifers; no bulls.
3. Report forms are due the 1st day of each month and must be filed with the fairboard secretary. Forms filed late or forms filed incomplete will be fined a \$20 late fee, this will be charged to the cost of the pen of three.
4. Cattle shall arrive at weight in/weigh out between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on the day specified. Arriving late shall be a \$20 cost of gain charge. Parking lot shall be considered on ground if exhibitor checks in. Superintendent clock will be official time.
5. No exhibitor, family members, 4-H leaders or Vo. Ag. Instructors shall be in the arena where cattle are being priced.

Grooming

No grooming or fitting will be permitted.

Final Weigh-up and Pricing

Official judges will grade and price each pen of calves at the current market value.

The participant will use this weight and price to complete his financial summary.

Record books and financial summaries will be turned in to the rules committee at time of weigh out.

Exhibits

Participants should plan to take their calves back home after judging is complete. The top three of calves will be exhibited during the fair and should be in place by 5 p.m. on the first day of the fair. These cattle will be released after 9 p.m. on Saturday. A summary of important information about each pen exhibited will be posted on the pen.

This program is open to any McCurtain County student regardless of race, color or national origin.

Buckle- 1st Place Class 1st 2nd 3rd

1.) Pen of 3 \$500 \$250 \$100.00

Ribbons for top three entries.

Sponsors

1st Place- Keeney Trucking

2nd Place- Idabel Stockyards

3rd Place- McCurtain County Cattlemen

Division 2 -Section 102

Market Steer Average Daily Gain

Weigh in– TBA

Weigh out– Time of entry

Purpose

Designed to measure daily gain of all show steers. This program is being established to concentrate commercially economic traits into the show program. A rapid gaining steer is of more value to the cattle industry than a slower gaining steer. This may also help adjust feeding programs for steers.

Function

1. Weigh steers on to a feed test.
2. Feed steers normally for preparation for fair.
3. Weigh steers off feed test on first day of fair.
4. Select steer with the largest ADG from date weighed on to date weighed off.

Class 1st 2nd 3rd

1. ADG \$50 \$25 \$15

Division 3 - Section 103

Market Steers

Sky Storey, Superintendent

Rules

1. Must have been weighed in on TBA. Market steers must weigh a minimum of 750 pounds at weigh-in. Steers weighing less than 750 pounds will be written down as 750 pounds.
2. Market steers will be divided in classes by weight. Market steers will be weighed on the first day of the fair to determine ADG Placing. The Division Superintendent will announce time of the weigh in.
3. All steers that are county bred must be accompanied with a breeder's certificate with their nomination entry.
4. Premium steer sale order shall be Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, and Best County Bred (see rule 33 in general rules) Steer. Seven more steers shall be selected by the judge for a total of 10 steers in the premium sale.
5. If more than 10 steer are shown, steers not qualified for premium sale by other winnings will be shown for sale order.

Class 1st 2nd 3rd

Best County Bred - Plaque

Prospect Steer Class

Have prospect steer class 750 lbs or less. Class winner will be the last steer in the premium sale. Only class winner will be eligible for premium sale. This will be added to the 10 head for a total of 11 head eligible to sell. **Prospect Steers will be entered by August 1st in the Fair board Office**

Division 6 – Section 107

Breeding Cattle

Brandon Bolt, Superintendent

The following breeds may be entered:

1. Brahman Influence (ex. Beefmaster, Brangus, Simbrah etc.)
2. English (ex. Hereford, Shorthorn, Angus, etc.)
3. Exotic (Chi, Limousine, Maine, etc.)
4. Commercial crosses (All cross breeds)

Rules

1. All animals must exhibit breed character.
2. All animals must be halter broken and pass superintendent's approval.
3. Bulls must have ring in nose.
4. All county bred heifers must be accompanied with a breeder's certificate or registration papers.
5. All English and Exotics must be accompanied with registration papers and legible tattoo.
6. Brahman Influence and Commercial heifers will be weighed and classes broken based upon weight.
7. Sell minimum of 12 heifers in premium sale, and the best county bred heifer is to be 1 of the 12.
8. There must be 5 or more for breed champion heifer to be automatically in the sale, 8 or more for reserve breed champion to be automatically in. Heifers will be shown in their respective breed and lined up in a preliminary sale. Final sale order selection will follow selection of Grand, Reserve Grand, and Best County bred (see rule 33 in general rules) heifer.
9. If 5 bulls are exhibited, the Grand Champion shall qualify for the premium sale. If 8 or more bulls are exhibited, the reserve grand will qualify for the premium sale.
10. Maximum age on all Breeding Cattle must be 24 months as of show date.

Class 1st 2nd 3rd

Sponsored by the McCurtain County Cattlemen's Association

Best County Bred Heifer ---Jacket

Grand Champion Heifer ---Jacket

Reserve Grand Champion Heifer ---Jacket