JUNIOR MARKET STEER
Dept 006

SUPERINTENDENT: Walter Earle – Retired Agricultural Extension Agent

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*New in 2020 will be recognition of a Champion Performance Steer. Overall score will be determined using phenotype evaluation, carcass merit from the carcass steer, and weight performance from collected data.*

CHECK-IN: Junior Market Steers will be checked in at the scales outside the Kelly building between the hours of 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Thursday, October 15, 2020. Steers will be weighed and tags verified. Steers may also be mouthed, ear-tagged, re-tattooed, bled and urine sampled during check-in. Steers can have two permanent teeth. Animals will not be allowed to enter the barn until inspected and passed by health officials. An approval card to the superintendent will be issued after inspection, prior to entering the barn and receiving stall assignments.

SHOW DATE: Friday, October 16, 2020, 9:00 am

RELEASE TIME: All released at conclusion of Beef Showmanship on Saturday, October 17.

COMPETITION:
Open to NC residents 18 years of age and younger as of January 1, 2020

ENTRY DEADLINE:
September 15, 2020
Online entries begin August 1 at www.ncstatefair.org
Mailed or hand delivered paper entries will be charged a $5.00 processing fee.

HEALTH REGULATIONS:
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A weight card must be filled out for each steer, signed by parent or legal guardian and turned in to the livestock office by 5:00pm on Thursday October 15. Official weight cards will be available at check in. The weight indicated on the card will be the declared weight of the steer. Steers will be shown in class based on the declared weight. Weight cards cannot be changed after they have been turned in to the livestock office. Steers placing first or second in each class will be re-weighed, they must be within 50 pounds plus or minus of the declared weight indicated on the weight card. In an instance where a steer weighs out, the third place will be required to re-weigh. Steers that weigh outside of 50 pounds plus or minus will be disqualified from market competition.

It is the expectation that all junior exhibitors be involved in the care of their livestock project(s) during the ownership time frame specified for each species. Project animals must be housed near enough to the exhibitor to be cared for regularly by the exhibitor. Market and breeding animals should be housed at the same location. Housing location of project animals entered at the NC State Fair should be the same location as other project animals exhibited by the junior participant throughout the year in county and other local and regional circuit shows.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Open to North Carolina residents 18 years of age and younger as of January 1, 2020, and able to show the animal on their own. Exhibitors are allowed to enter at tagging 4 steers-an exhibitor may show a maximum of 2 of these steers at the NC State Fair. No additional entries will be allowed. Each steer must be listed individually and designated if the steer is eligible to be shown in the Got to Be NC competition. Steers must be checked by NCD&A-CS representatives at designated checkpoints by the last official check-in date. Steers will have hair samples taken for DNA analysis and may be identified by tattoo, ear tag, microchip or nose print. The initial identification will be done at NCDA&CS expense, however, the owner will be responsible for expenses in reinstalling and lab verifying the animal. Steers not checked at designated points in May, will not be eligible to show. Steers will need to be entered by the exhibitor online at www.ncstatefair.org, or on an official NCSF Livestock Entry Form by September 15, 2020.

2. Purebred steer entries must be designated at check-in in May. You must bring to check-in the original registration papers which can be found at www.ncstatefair.org. Steers must have certificate from Breed Association but do not have to be Got to Be NC Bred. Steers that are Got to Be NC will still qualify for Got to be NC Champion.

3. Steers must be in ownership of exhibitor by the last official check-in date. Steers may be shown in county or district shows within the State of North Carolina prior to being shown at the NC State Fair. Any exhibitor may exhibit out-of-state upon written approval by the superintendent and only when the steer is exhibited in the North Carolina resident’s name. Written permission should be requested a minimum of 3 weeks prior to the event. The form should be e-mailed to vfeaturel@ncsu.edu or neil.bowman@ncagr.gov. Otherwise, all steers are expected to be housed within the county the exhibitor resides in or an adjoining county, in the state of North Carolina from the last official check-in date to October 15, 2020. Exceptions may be granted after a review by the species superintendent and designated review committee.

4. If a junior has more than one steer in a class, the other steer must be shown by a junior (must be a resident of North Carolina) approved by the show superintendent.

5. All declared weights must be between 1,100 lbs. to 1,500 lbs. Any steer not making minimum weight will be allowed to show in feeder calf show. A weight card must be filled out for each steer, signed by parent or legal guardian and turned in to the livestock office by 5:00 pm on Thursday October 15. The weight indicated on the card will be the declared weight of the steer. Steers will be shown in class based on the declared weight. Weight cards cannot be changed after they have been turned in to the livestock office. Steers placing first or second in each class will be re-weighed, they must be within 50 pounds plus or minus of the declared weight indicated on the weight card. In an instance where a steer weighs out, the third place will be required to re-weigh. Steers that weigh outside of 50 pounds plus or minus will be disqualified from market competition.

6. Classes will be broken by weight so that a relatively equal number of steers are in each class. Any steer not passing the proper tests (urine sample, blood) will be disqualified.
7. Steers must be halter broken and dehorned. Unruly animals which may endanger the safety of exhibitors may be asked to leave the ring. Only one exhibitor will be allowed in the show ring. The entered exhibitor must be able to handle the animal or will be asked to leave the show ring.

8. Steer exhibitors will be allowed to use all fitting products.

9. Packer sale is yet to be determined.

10. Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects or conformation in exhibition animals, including the use of steroids and other drugs, as well as lifting or filling under the skin, will be considered fraud and deception. The North Carolina State Fair Management reserves the right to test the grand and reserve champion steer, and to conduct other random testing as deemed appropriate. Any steer not passing the proper tests will be disqualified and all premiums will be forfeited. Exhibitors involved in any such treatment will be barred from exhibition at this Fair, and all Fairs holding membership in the International Association of Fairs and Exposition will be notified.

11. The Junior Market Steer Superintendent or other NCSF Livestock Show Official reserves the right to inspect the cattle premises at any time between last official check-in date and October 15, 2020. Any exhibitor/animal found in violation of Rule #3 will be ineligible to compete at the 2020 NC State Fair, and may be subject to an additional probationary period.

12. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials such as ring stewards and line up attendants shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect. Any exhibitor or their representative who interferes with or displays disrespect to the before mentioned could forfeit any premiums or monies earned and/or are subject to other penalties assessed by the North Carolina State Fair.

Any question not covered by these rules will be ruled on by the Junior Market Steer Superintendent.

Except as noted, all General Rules of the Fair and of the Livestock Division will apply and govern this department.

RULES ON ENTERING

1. Enter online at www.ncstatefair.org, or by paper entry.
2. Entries must include each exhibitor’s name, full mailing address, phone number, exhibitor’s Social Security Number and county. Social Security number must match exhibitor’s name.

GOT TO BE NC JUNIOR MARKET STEER

Got to Be NC steers must have been bred, born and raised in North Carolina. Got to Be NC steer designation must be done before steer check-in and tagging. Got to Be NC tags can be obtained through the Department and must be in animal at the time of check-in. Verification documentation must be provided to NCDA/NC State Fair livestock officials upon request. Verification may include owner/breeder records, AI service dates, embryo verification, herd record books, DNA samples of sire or dam, and any other verification documents. The livestock director of the NC State Fair will make the final determination of Got to Be NC. The highest placing qualified Got to Be NC steer will be recognized in each class at the Jr. Market Steer Show. These steers will have the opportunity to show for the Got to Be NC Champion following the selections of Grand and Reserve Jr. Market Steer. However, if the Grand or Reserve Jr. Market Steer is a qualified Got to Be NC, that steer will automatically become Got to Be NC Champion. The exhibitor of the Champion Got to Be NC steer will receive a $250 premium, plaque and banner. The producer of the Champion Got to Be NC steer will receive a plaque at the 2020 N.C. Cattlemen’s Conference. Further, the producer of the steer, recognized as the owner of the bred female at the time of calving, should be a current member of the N.C. Cattlemen’s Association at the time of the 2020 State Fair. Exhibitors and/or producers found misrepresenting the qualifications of a steer in this competition shall be barred from future competition.
JUNIOR FEEDER CALF/ MARKET STEER/ HEIFER SHOWMANSHIP CHAMPION CONTEST

All youth entered in either the Junior Feeder Calf Show (Dept. 005) Junior Market Steer Show (Dept. 006) or the Junior Beef Heifer Show (Dept. 007) are eligible to compete. Junior Feeder Calf/Junior Market Steer/Junior Beef Heifer Showmanship Champion Contest will be held on Saturday, October 17 after the Jr. Beef Heifer Show in the Jim Graham Building.

JUNIOR MARKET STEER SHOW  (To Be Shown At Halter)

The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Jr. Market Steer will be sold to the designated packer.

PREMIUMS TO BE DETERMINED

Section 101 – BRITISH BREED STEERS – Junior Market Steer Show

This Division will be open to all registered purebred steers within the Angus, Hereford, Red Angus, and Shorthorn breed associations. Steers must qualify under the general market steer rules. British Steers must be NC bred and born in 2020. Exhibitors must present original registration papers from their respected breed association at tag-in. Animals without original registration papers will be allowed to show in the crossbred class. DNA may also be used for verification purposes.

Class:
00001 – British Breed Steers

Class breakdowns will be determined once steer weigh-in has concluded, and will be done so at the discretion of the Market Steer Superintendent and/or show committee. Any issues regarding this show will be handled by the Market Steer Superintendent and/or show committee. British Breed Steers - Additional premiums provided by NC Hereford Association, NC Angus Association and Bartlett Milling Company.

Grand Champion British Breed Jr. Market Steer
Reserve Grand Champion British Breed Jr. Market Steer
Third Overall

GRAND Champion GOT TO BE NC British Breed

Section 102 – CROSSBRED MARKET STEERS – Junior Market Steer Show

Class:
00002 – Crossbred Market Steers

Class breakdowns will be determined once steer weigh-in has concluded and will be done so at the discretion of the Market Steer Superintendent and/or show committee. Any issues regarding this show will be handled by the Market Steer Superintendent and/or show committee. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion British Division will compete for the overall Grand Champion Market Steer along with the Crossbred winners.

GRAND CHAMPION JR. MARKET STEER
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION JR. MARKET STEER
THIRD OVERALL CHAMPION JR. MARKET STEER
CHAMPION GOT TO BE N.C. JR. MARKET STEER

Any issues regarding this show will be handled by the Junior Market Steer Superintendent and/or show committee.
Section 104 – PERFORMANCE MARKET STEER – Junior Market Steer Show

PREMIUMS TO BE DETERMINED

Overall score will be determined using phenotype evaluation, carcass merit will be determined by ultrasound, and weight performance from collected data.

02010 – GRAND CHAMPION
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION

This year all steers will be weighed when validated for the State Fair. The Performance Market Steer and Carcass Steer shows will be combined, and it will be an optional show. The weight at validation will be the start weight for the Performance Steer Contest. There will be an online Performance Steer Record that each exhibitor wishing to participate must fill out and submit online prior to the State Fair Market steer check-in. Final weight will be added to the record after check-in. Only those steers participating in the Performance Steer Contest will be carcass ultra-sounded during check-in. The Performance Steer Record may be accessed at: https://bit.ly/34ZCeLD

The Junior Market Steer/Junior Beef Heifer Showmanship Champion Contest can be found in Department 28, Section 101.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2019 CHAMPIONS
Grand Champion Jr. Market Steer Carcass - Cassie Holder
Reserve Grand Champion Jr. Market Steer Carcass - Hannah Gentry
Performance Steer Contest - Jax Holt