

MARKET STEERS
ENTRY DEADLINE: AUGUST 29, 2008
ENTRY FEE: \$15.00

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2008 RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All steer entries are subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Austin County Fair and to the rules governing the Youth Auction Sale.
2. Only steers can be shown and sold at the Youth Auction Sale. Two divisions of steers will be shown: the exotic cross and Brahman influence as determined by classifiers. A champion and reserve champion will be selected from each division with an over-all Grand Champion and Reserve Champion from entire show.
3. Steer exhibitors may exhibit two entries.
4. All steers must be surgically castrated and dehorned prior to tag in on May 3, 2008.
5. The 2008 Junior Show Steers shall be weighed, identified by nose print and tagged on May 3, 2008 from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Four County Auction Barn in Industry

Exhibitors must have a halter on their animal and must assist the committee with their animal.

There will be a \$10.00 charge for each animal tagged. Family tagging is allowed. This will be interpreted as immediate family living in the same household. Corrections to tag in information must be made by June 1, 2008.

6. A mandatory progress show will be held on Thursday, August 7, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Austin County Fairgrounds. Steers must be present at the progress show to be eligible to show at the Fair. All steers should be exhibited by their owners unless he or she is physically challenged and unable to do so. All steers must be halter broke by the progress show.
7. All steers that are not halter broke and not easily handled will be required to return to the Fairgrounds on Sunday, September 7, 2008 or Saturday, October 4, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. for a second evaluation. Steers that fail the second evaluation will not be allowed

in the show. Any steer deemed unmanageable by show officials during the Fair will be required to leave immediately.

8. All entries will be exhibited and sold by their owners, unless he or she is physically or academically unable to do so, or if the exhibitor has more than one entry showing in different divisions at the same time. Exhibits to be shown or sold by someone other than the owner must be approved in writing by the respective committee chairman. Forms will be available at the Fair Office.
9. Market steers can move in Wednesday, October 8, 2008 starting at 6:00 a.m. and prior to 9:00 a.m.
10. Steers will be weighed, sifted and classified beginning at 7:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 8, 2008. They must grade select or better and be of show quality. Minimum weight is set at 1,000 pounds and the maximum pay limit in the Youth Auction Sale shall be 1,250 pounds. A 10 lb. tolerance for minimum weight will be allowed. One re-weigh will be allowed. Steers will be removed from the scales, scales will be re-calibrated and the steer will be re-weighed immediately. Steers failing to meet the minimum weight requirement will not be allowed and need to be excused from the Fairgrounds.

THERE WILL BE NO RUMPING ON THE PREMISES OTHER THAN BY A STATE LICENSED VETERINARIAN.

11. Ownership of steer must be declared before the animal is placed on the scale at the show.
12. Classes will be determined by the steer committee after steers have been weighed and sifted on October 8, 2008. Classes will be broken by the committee at their discretion.
13. Judging will be at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, October 9, 2008.
14. Sale order will be in the following order: Overall Grand and Reserve Champion of Show, breed champions and reserve breed champions will follow, then the remaining steers will be placed in sale order by the show judge.
15. If an exhibitor has two (2) steers qualifying for the sale, he or she may choose which he/she desires to sell, except for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion; however, the Fair Office must be notified of the decision by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, October 9, 2008. If not, the highest place will sell.
16. Non-selling steers may move out Thursday night. Exhibitors must obtain a release from the steer chairman and from the Fair Office.
17. Exhibitors will be expected to maintain their stalls and care for their animals at all times. Exhibitors that fail to maintain their area will be issued one warning from the

Steer and Heifer Committee. If no improvement is made to the condition of the stalls, a fine of \$50.00 will be assessed and deducted from the exhibitor's sale check.

18. Steer exhibitors must be at their stalls by Noon on Sunday, October 12, 2008 in order to assist in loading out at 1:00 p.m.
19. Stalls must be clean and free of hay, manure and excess feed prior to the animals load out on Sunday, October 12, 2008.
20. **Unethical Fitting and Show of Livestock** -- Unethical practices performed on any livestock entry in order to deceive the judges or the sifting committee is prohibited, and the exhibitor shall be barred from this show and any future shows. Unethical practices will be determined by the Executive Committee of the Austin County Fair Association with assistance of anyone deemed necessary. All market sale lots must be withdrawn from medication prior to slaughter in accordance with FDA regulations. Any exhibit requiring medication during the Fair must have the approval of the Livestock Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent or the respective committee chairman prior to being administered.

Exhibits must then be held a sufficient time by the exhibitor prior to slaughter. Any market exhibit condemned at slaughter for such reason will forfeit its sale check.

21. No animal will be permitted to leave the grounds without the consent of the committee.
22. No trim chutes will be allowed
23. Hay must be fed in hay bags or containers, no loose hay. No hay permitted in the barn.
24. Steers will be slick-sheared, according to the 1/4 inch rule. Shearing must be done prior to the arrival at the show.
25. A showmanship contest will be held immediately following the conclusion of the Commercial Heifer Show. If selected for the showmanship competition, exhibitors are allowed to bring any Steer that they own and have shown in the fair back for the competition. There will be three age division, Senior - age 15 and older, Intermediate - ages 12 - 14 and Junior - ages 11 and younger. Age is determined as of September 1, 2008.
26. A Good Herdsman Award will be given to the exhibitor(s) that maintain their stalls and their animals the best during the fair. Awards will be given to the winner(s) on Saturday, October 11, 2008.
27. A maximum of two stalls will be assigned per exhibitor for all beef projects.