

JUNIOR CATTLE

RECEIVING

September 1, 2026- 12:00 PM- 5:00 PM

OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN

September 1, 2026 - 5:00 PM-7:00 PM

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Animals which have been registered by a purebred breed association cannot be entered in the Commercial Division.
2. **Min Weight:** 1,000lbs & **Max Weight:** 1,450lbs for Market Steers.
3. **MARKET BEEF LIMIT:** Only ONE (1) Market Beef Entry per Exhibitor allowed to show and sell at auction.
4. **BRED & FED:** Open to market steers and market heifers entered in the MCF Beef Show. This class is only for animals that were born, raised, and finished in Monterey County. Entries must show proof of being born, raised, and finished in Monterey County. Contestants need not own sire or dam of market animal but must show written proof or affidavit of purchase from a Monterey County producer stating where the calf was born and raised. FFA, 4-H, and Independents will show together, and animals judged must be MARKET READY to win class or place.
5. A Brand Inspection made out to exhibitor or an Out Billing from an Auction Sales Yard showing 120 days ownership must be presented. For an animal purchased from family or dropped by your own cow, a Yellow Slip must be presented. Proof of ownership must be shown at Mandatory Weigh-In and must be presented at scale before weighing at Fair.
6. All Market Beef MUST NOT have horns exceeding 2 inches.
7. 4-H and FFA Entries must each exceed 5 heads to be broken into separate divisions. Otherwise, both divisions will be shown together and broken into appropriate weight classes.
8. **No Premiums are offered for Market Beef classes.**
9. **CARCASS CONTEST:** All Market Beef sold through the MCF Junior Livestock Auction will be evaluated for the Carcass Contest.
10. **Showmanship is Mandatory** for all Livestock Market Animal Exhibitors.
11. An official uniform of the organization is required for all 4H and FFA Exhibitors while competing in all Divisions and while receiving awards during the 2026 Monterey County Fair.

PUREBRED BREEDING HEIFER AWARDS

Champion Purebred Female - Premium & Ribbon

Reserve Champion Purebred Female - Premium & Ribbon

COMMERCIAL HEIFER AWARDS

Champion Commercial Female - Premium & Ribbon

Reserve Champion Commercial Female - Premium & Ribbon

MARKET STEER AWARDS

Grand & Reserve Grand Champion - Buckle & Banner

4-H and FFA Champion & Reserve Champion - Award & Banner

Bred & Fed Champion - Buckle & Banner

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS BREEDING CLASSES AND BRED & FED				
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
\$20	\$15	\$10	\$5	\$3

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER SHOWMANSHIP CLASS		
1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$30.00	\$20.00	\$10.00

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS BEEF CARCASS				
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
\$50	\$40	\$30	\$25	\$20

PUREBRED HEIFERS

DIVISION 800 PUREBRED HEIFERS

- **REGISTRATION PAPERS REQUIRED, SHOWN BY BIRTH DATE. CLASSES BROKE BY SUPERINTENDENT**

COMMERCIAL HEIFERS

DIVISION 801 COMMERCIAL HEIFERS

- **COMMERCIAL HEIFERS WILL BE SHOWN BY BIRTH DATE. CLASSES BROKE BY SUPERINTENDENT**

MARKET STEERS

DIVISION 802 FFA MARKET STEERS

DIVISION 803 4-H MARKET STEERS

DIVISION 804 BRED & FED MARKET BEEF

BEEF CARCASS CONTEST

*Division Awards Sponsored by:
The Monterey County Cattleman's Association*

CARCASS CONTEST RULES

1. Market Beef Carcasses will be graded at the meat packing company by USDA graders and the results are compiled in cooperation with the Agricultural Extension Service. To be eligible for awards, the carcass must have a minimum USDA quality grade. Results will be calculated for all steers/heifers entered.
2. Placings will be based on USDA yield and quality grades.
3. Ties in Carcass Index will be broken by dividing rib-eye area by hot carcass weight and carcasses ranked with higher values will be ranked first.
4. 4-H and FFA will be judged together.

SHOWMANSHIP

DIVISION 900 4-H BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

DIVISION 908 FFA BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

CLASS:

- 1) 4-H Novice
- 2) 4-H Junior
- 3) 4-H Senior
- 4) FFA Novice
- 5) FFA Senior

MASTER SHOWMANSHIP

The top two (2) winners of 4-H Senior and FFA Senior Showmanship for SHEEP, SWINE, MARKET GOATS, and BEEF ONLY may progress and compete in Master Showmanship competition. Top two (2) 4-H Senior and top two (2) FFA Senior showmen will show together; one Master Showman will be chosen.

▪ **MASTER SHOWMAN AWARDS:**

- 1st Place per Specie – Award & Ribbon