

Loudoun County Fair – 2008 Beef Club Rules

1. Market animals must have been owned and personally cared for by the exhibitor by January 1st of the current fair year. There shall be no changes in ownership or management after January 1st (see "Amendment 1996")
2. As a requirement to show at the Loudoun Fair, all steers must come to the tattoo location on the specified date to be tattooed. Weighing is optional but must be done to participate in the Rate of Gain Contest. Tattoos will be checked upon arrival at the Fair. **Steers not tattooed on the specified date will not be eligible to show at the Loudoun Fair. Breed of animal(s) must be declared at time of weigh-in. This will be the breed class that the animal will show in at the fair.**

3. Ownership dates and classes for heifers are:

Class	Dates Calved	Ownership Deadline
Senior Yearling Heifers	9/1/06 - 12/31/06	January 1
Early Junior Yearling Heifers	1/1/07 - 2/28/07	January 1
Late Junior Yearling Heifers	3/1/07 - 4/30/07	January 1
Summer Yearling Heifers	5/1/07 - 8/31/07	May 1
Senior Heifer Calves	9/1/07 - 12/31/07	May 1

All Heifers must be the property of, in care of and registered in the sole name of the exhibitor by the following dates according to age and show classifications.

4. **Any heifer showing in purebred breeding classes must have registration papers present at check-in.** The beef committee will verify the suitability of entries in any class and verify tattoos.
5. Eligibility of cow/calf class: The cow must be owned and in the possession of the exhibitor at the time of breeding. Cow and Calf need not be registered to show, but must be halter broken and shown in hand. Calf can't be over 240 days old.
6. One bred and owned class each will be held for market steers, bulls and breeding Heifers. All breeds will be shown together.
7. To be eligible for the bred and owned class, an animal must be out of a dam owned by the exhibitor at the time.
8. Must have two of a breed to make a class.
9. Animals shall be under the control of exhibitors at all times without the aid of tranquilizers or other drugs. Dangerous or drugged animals will be disqualified and removed from show area.
10. All animals exhibited must be in good physical health. Any animal found with a disease that could be passed on to other animals will be removed immediately from the grounds. The Beef Screening Committee will check health of animals. A veterinarian will make the final decision if necessary.
11. Stall assignments will be made by the club leader based on seniority by years active. Stall assignments may not be changed the day cattle arrive.
12. All animals must be fed, watered and in the barns by 8 a.m. All cattle must be secured with neck ropes and halters in the barn and tie-out areas. Animals and stall area must be kept

clean at all times. One warning will be given before it is turned over to the Agricultural Superintendent for further action.

13. All beef cattle must be shown in their appropriate classes. Classes will be set after cattle are checked in.
14. All animals used in showmanship classes are to be shown clean, not fitted. You must use one of your animals, which is already entered in the fair. You may not use another club member's animals. Showmanship classes are divided according to the age of the exhibitor. The judge will determine how many will return for final placing.
15. Coaching from the sidelines is not permitted.
16. Only Loudoun County 4-H members and immediate family will be allowed to clip, fit or otherwise groom animals entered in the Fair. Any 4-H'er not complying with this rule may have his/her animals excluded from competition.
17. Record books will be checked at the July Club meeting by a club leader to be eligible to show at the Loudoun Fair.
18. All entries to Loudoun Fair must be postmarked (or delivered) by July 1 of current Fair year to the club leader. A copy of the registration papers for purebred heifers must be included with the entry forms. **NO LATE entries WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
19. All beef exhibitors selling market animals are expected to assist with preparation and clean up of the show pavilion before and after the Livestock Sale.
20. In all cases, the decision of the Judge will be final.
21. All members must attend at least 50% of the club meetings from October –July to be eligible to show at the Loudoun Fair.
22. The Beef Committee will consist of one club leader, two project leaders, club president, one junior member and two adult volunteers.

“AMENDMENT 1996” AMENDMENT TO BEEF CLUB RULES

In case of death of club member steer:

If any club member's steer dies from the time of county weigh-in in December until June 1st, that member may replace his/her steer following these restrictions

A licensed veterinarian must show verification of the death of the steer in writing that this took place and the cause of the death of the steer if possible. Without this notification, no changes will be considered.

You may only replace that steer with another steer, which has already been weighed and tattooed at the county weigh-in in December. It must come from within the Loudoun County 4-H Beef club membership. Steers from outside the club will not be allowed. You have from January 1st until June 1st of that club year to make the change. No changes after those dates will be considered.