



JR. FAIR DEPARTMENT

J1 - MARKET BEEF SHOW

JUDGING: Market Beef, Thursday, 6:00 pm

LOCATION: Ron Marhofer Livestock Barn

JR. FAIR COORDINATOR: Crystal Jones

**RULES LAST
UPDATED 10/10/25
for the 2026 Fair**

MARKET STEER RULES & REGULATIONS:

1. All Market Steers must be in the possession of the exhibitor by November 10 and positively identified with a SUMMIT COUNTY EAR & **RFID** TAG at the official weigh-in on **November 22 at 10:00am** at the Portage County Fairgrounds. **It is mandatory that the 4-Her be present at weigh-in. Any exception must be given in writing to the Junior Fair Administrator. The livestock committee will then vote if the exception will be allowed. If the 4-Her is not present without an exception from the Livestock committee, they can not show or sell at the fair.**
2. Market Steers must be castrated and dehorned by mandatory tag in. Steers showing any evidence of testicular tissue are not eligible to show, sell or **will NOT be tagged.**
3. Exhibitors may show and sell up to three market steers and may tag in a spare.
4. Market Steers will be of purebred or a cross breed of beef breeds.
5. Age and weight requirements: At time of fair recommended ages should be 15 to 20 months and ideal weight is 1100-1400 pounds. A market steer must weigh at least 1000 pounds at fair weigh in or it will be sent home immediately following weigh in. If you are showing a mini or low line breed, it needs to be noted at tag in time. Minimum weight of these breeds will be 800 lbs. Mandatory weigh-in is Monday, before fair, **11:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.**
6. All Market Steers exhibited at the Summit County Fair must be sold through the Summit County Fair Live stock Sale.
7. Exhibitors must provide water for their steers at all times and adequate feed for the welfare of the animal. Mulch will be provided for bedding in the large Livestock Barn only.
8. Champion of Champions will include the previous years Champion of Champions winner and current year age division (junior, intermediate, and senior) showmanship winners.
9. The livestock judges at the Fair shall select which animals, if any, that are not ready for sale. If Judge deems the animal not ready for sale it will sell at the end of the sale order and noted in sale order the animal was not placed. See required weights and ages for specific animals. All animals not meeting the required weight, age or health standards for their class will be sent home at fair time weigh-in/check in.
10. All weight classes will be determined by the advisors, and/or the livestock committee.

REGULATIONS AND RULES continued on next page.



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11. 4-Hers w/market projects must turn in their **completed books into the Jr. Fair Coordinator between 10:00 A.M. 12:00 P.M. on Grade and Exhibit Day. Market weights must be recorded every other week in your project book or your book will be determined as incomplete therefore you cannot show or sell your project at the fair. (These weights can be determined by tape weights or scale) Completed Books must be turned into the Jr. Fair Coordinator by 12:00 P.M. on Sunday. Thank you notes must be turned in OR proof of sending one week after fair in order to receive your check. Forfeited checks will be deposited in the Summit County Jr. Fair Livestock Committee. NOTE: All sale are held until incoming checks are cleared by their respective banks.**
12. Large Livestock: When showing, members should wear a clean collared shirt or **blouse**, jean pants, and hard soled shoes or boots, preferably leather. NO tennis shoes. Hats are not recommended for show ring. Any article of clothing that is advertising for a farm or business is prohibited. NO sandals are permitted in Livestock Barns. **Must Show with show halter, NO rope, show stick and number worn on back of shirt or blouse.**
13. Ear tags must be clean at fair weigh in time. All other tags besides EID tags and Summit County must be removed prior to weigh in or a \$5.00 removal fee will be charged.
14. Anyone showing large livestock at the fair must turn in **\$150** worth of Jr. Fair Sponsorships. **This is per person not species.**
15. **Jr. Fair Livestock Coordinators will be setting up random housing checks to check on animals. 4-Her must be present.**
16. All General Livestock rules apply. See General Livestock page in Premium book or PDF page on fair website.

* In species where both pet/fancy and market or species with a variety of specializations (ie pygmy, pack, dairy, etc..) a "show off" will be conducted to determine the single entrant from a species to Showman of Showmen.

Section: 1

CLASSES:

- 1) Market Steer

