



Beef Project Exhibitors 2010 Cochise County Fair

Congratulations on your beef entry for the Cochise County Fair! Raising and feeding beef is a big commitment and we know you have put a lot of time and effort in your project this year. We look forward to seeing your results at the fair!

The following is important information that you will need to know and follow before and during the fair.

- **ATTIRE** - Be sure you wear proper attire in both the show ring and sale ring. **4-H members** – white long or short sleeve dress shirt or blouse, dark blue or black pants, or skirt, are required. *If pants have belt loops, a belt must be worn.* No t-shirts or sleeveless shirts. Green tie or scarf optional. 4-H club jacket, sweater, or vest is optional. **NO HATS OR CAPS.** (Rule book, page 13 for dress code and 21 for sale rules).
FFA Members: Official FFA dress will be worn. FFA Jacket or vest is optional. **NO HATS OR CAPS.** (Rule book, page 13 for dress code and 21 for sale rules).
- **BLOCKING CHUTES**– Blocking chutes may be set up in stalling areas. Space will also be available on the west end of the beef barn. **No blocking chutes outside the barn on the east end.**
- **BRAND INSPECTION PAPERS** – A Self-Inspection Seasonal Pass is required for all exhibition cattle.
- **FOOD** – No food will be allowed in the livestock barn. We need to serve as a role model in helping to ensure that health risks to the public are minimized.
- **FEEDING & CLEANING OF PENS** – Animals may NOT be fed inside the fenced area around the show ring. Please be considerate of others by cleaning up after your animals (feed pans, hay, manure, etc.) when they have finished eating or drinking. When animals are in the stalling area, do not leave feed/water pans in front of them for extended periods. Exhibitors are responsible for regularly feeding, watering and cleaning up after their animals throughout the duration of the fair. **Negligence will not be tolerated!**



All areas must be cleaned on a daily basis, as often as required. Pans must be removed after feeding and all litter disposed of by 9:30 a.m. Remember all clubs are being judged for the Herdsman Award so make sure stalling areas remain neat and clean throughout the duration of the fair. (Rule Book, page 12)



GROOMING AND FITTING – While at the county fair grooming and fitting shall be limited to exhibitors and a **minimal** amount of assistance from 4-H/FFA age siblings, exhibitors, or 4-H Leaders/FFA Advisors. Please comply with the rule as stated. (Rule Book, page 13)



- **PASSAGEWAYS & AISLES** – These areas **MUST** remain clear at all times.
- **PROJECT RECORD REQUIREMENTS:**

WHOLESOME MEAT CERTIFICATE – This certificate must be signed by the member and a parent certifying that each market animal is not adulterated. Certificates must be turned in with each animal at weight-in.

MARKET LIVESTOCK SUMMERIES – (one for each market animal) are due at weigh-in. All information, with the exception of the final calculation that is determined after the animal's final weight is recorded, **must be completed prior to weigh-in**. Immediately upon the final weight being recorded, the form will be returned to the exhibitor for completing final calculations. The form must then be resubmitted to the weigh-in table ASAP. (It will be helpful to bring a calculator)

- **REGISTRATION PAPERS** – Paperwork for all registered breeding animals will be verified as soon after weight-in as possible so please remain in the area near the scales. (Rule Book, page 14)



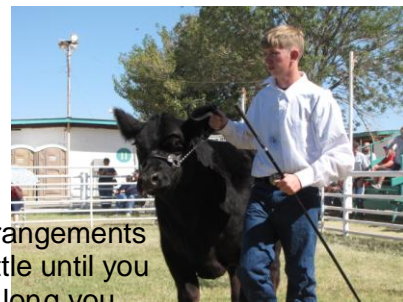
- **SALE NOTIFICATION - VERY IMPORTANT!** 4-H and FFA members exhibiting more than one market animal are responsible for notifying the superintendent of each of the species they exhibit to advise them which animal will sell. In addition, members showing more than one animal of the same species must notify the species superintendent which animal will sell. **Notification must be no later than thirty minutes after the market steer show on Saturday 9/25/10. If an exhibitor does not notify the appropriate superintendent, the superintendent has the authority to decide which animal will be sold.**

- **TIE-OUTS** – Space will be available for cattle (located north of the 4-H Office) on a first come, first served basis. Exhibitors must provide their own bedding. Tie-outs should be cleaned daily. Make sure your cattle are tied securely while in the tie-out area. **Cattle should not be taken to tie-outs before 8:00 p.m. and should be stalled in the barn by 8:30 a.m. each morning.** If time parameters are not followed, you will be asked to leave your cattle in the barn for the duration of the fair.

- **STALLING AREAS** – (Allow 4 feet per animal) There will be plenty of room in the barn, however, please don't use more area than you actually need. Let's make sure everyone has sufficient area for seating and tack. If unsure about your space, please contact David or Tina Thompson.

For safety reasons cattle should not be left unattended inside or outside the barn (this excludes the fenced tie-out area). As an exhibitor, you are expected to spend as much time as possible in your area to maintain it and to be available to answer questions visitors may have about your project.





If you must leave your area for an extended length of time, make arrangements with a family member, another exhibitor or a friend to watch your cattle until you return. Make sure you let them know where you are going and how long you expect to be gone. Larger clubs/chapters could set up a rotation to make sure someone is in the area at all times. Be a good neighbor by offering your assistance to other exhibitors who may not have as much experience as you or who do not have anyone at the fair to share the responsibility with.

- **WEIGH-IN** - Please be ready to begin steer weigh-in at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday 9-23-10. We will appreciate you being near the scales before 12:00 to receive instructions. Exhibitors requesting re-weighs cannot leave the scale area. Please notify David immediately that you want a re-weigh, then wait for the scales to be zeroed and the animal will be re-weighed.

IMPORTANT DATES, TIMES & EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday 9/23/10	12:00 noon	All Livestock on Fairgrounds
Thursday 9/23/10	12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Official Weigh-In for Steers
Thursday 9/23/10	After Weigh-In	Verification of Breeding Stock
Friday 9/24/10	11:00 a.m.	Dairy / Breeding Cattle Show
Saturday 9/25/10	10:00 a.m.	Market Steer Show / Beef Showmanship
Sunday 9/26/10	1:30 p.m.	Market Livestock Sale

Also included in this e-mail is the 2010 Cochise County Fair Beef Stalling Assignment sheet. Please look over the stalling sheet to see where your club will be stalled in the barn. We will also post a copy of the Stalling Assignment Sheet on the bulletin board in the Beef Barn, we do recommend that you check for any last minute changes before setting up your area.

If you have any question or concerns, prior to or at the fair, please feel free to contact us.

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- (520) 508-5595 – Tina

We look forward to seeing all of you at the fair this year!

David & Tina Thompson
Beef Superintendents

