



**BEEF BREED CLASSIFICATION
GUIDELINES FOR 2023**

Wyoming State Fair General Information and Policies

Please reference pages 72-73 in the Wyoming State Fair Premium Book for the complete Youth Livestock Show policies.

Breeding Beef 76-78 General Info

For general information regarding Youth Market Beef, please reference the Wyoming State Fair Premium Book, pages 79-81. Youth Market Beef policies and class numbers can be found on page 79.

Policies: Classes are created to support breed registry standards that also ensure opportunity for all 4-H and FFA members to compete while using entry numbers and show trends in classes creation.

CLASS:

- Black Angus
- Hereford
- Main Anjou
- Shorthorn
- Crossbred
- AOB Continental
- AOB English

Wyoming State Fair Breed Classification Policy

A classification committee comprised of three individuals that will visually determine each appropriate class entry. Registration papers, breeder affidavits, or other factors WILL NOT be considered by committee members. Animals are not disqualified from participating as a result of the classification.

Committee members each apply their opinion to anonymously vote using colored chips. At least 2 blue colored chips indicate the committee agrees with the breed classification entry. At least 2 red colored chips indicate disagreement with the breed classification entry. If at least 2 red chips are presented, the committee will convene to determine whether the animal should be moved into another breed class or the crossbred class. A second vote will be held resulting in final class entry eligibility.

Note: Classifiers are appointed by WSF to assist WSF by exercising their judgement for class placement. Their decision is final with no appeals. To aid in understand breed standards, 4-H and FFA members should review and understand breed association standards.

ANGUS

Acceptable Breed Characteristics

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Angus
- Solid Black
- Polled
- Needs to have a tight sheath that is round and perpendicular to the ground
- *Angus*-type ear set, small to moderate ear size high on the head
- Discriminatory Breed Characteristics
- Continental breed type structure (being coarse about his joints, not to be confused with big-boned cattle) and head
- Bumps where horns would be on a horned animal
- Birthmarks or white hair in the switch should be reviewed for the skin color (black skin color is acceptable; white or pink skin is a disqualification)
- *Non-Angus*-type ear set (Ear set and excessive ear size as in Continental breeds)
- Large navels and angular sheaths

Absolute Disqualifications:

- White skin resulting in white hair above the underline or in the front of the navel
- (White on the navel is acceptable)
- White skin resulting in white hair on the leg, foot or tail
- Horns or scurs
- Brindle
- Diluter color pattern
- Dehorning scars
- Double muscling

SHORTHORN

Acceptable Breed Classifications

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Shorthorn
- Solid red; solid white with red hair or red pigment on ear, muzzle, anus or tail; or any combination of red and white, with the red and white color pattern bleeding together.

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Motley face or brockle face
- Orange or light red color
- Black nose pigment
- Coarse head
- Coarse joints

Absolute Disqualifications

- Diluter color pattern, such as yellow or yellow roan
- Blacks, blue roans, or grays
- Brindle
- Solid white with no red pigment on the ears, tail, or anus
- Double muscling

HEREFORD

Ideal Breed Characteristics

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Hereford
- Some white on the back of both ears
- Red body with white face, white underline, and white-marked legs
- Traditional feather on crest

Acceptable Breed Characteristics –*These characteristics are not necessarily desirable and in combination may be discriminating*

- Dark red color
- Red neck
- Solid red ear(s)
- Excess white on legs
- Excess white above the underline
- Eye pigment
- Black hair in tail, or ear of animal
- Freckling on the nose
- White above switch in tail
- White across rump above the twist

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Solid white ear(s)
- Questionable ear size and shape
- Straight-line white markings on legs or tail above the switch
- White above the hocks, on the outside and back side of rear legs
- Excess pigment or color around the eyes
- Red neck in combination with excess white on legs
- Line back
- Coarse joints, head, or ribs

Absolute Disqualifications

- Solid black nose
- Diluter color pattern
- Streaking of white from the feather off the shoulder
- Brindles
- Double muscling; extreme muscle definition
- Any color pattern other than red or white (birthmarks excluded)

MAINE ANJOU

Acceptable Breed Characteristics

- Solid red
- Solid black
- Red and white
- Black and white
- Heavy skeletal structure

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- None

Absolute Disqualifications

- Brindle
- Roan
- Diluter color pattern

AOB ENGLISH

(Any Other Breed English including, but not limited to the following)

Red Angus

Acceptable Breed Characteristics

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a Red Angus
- Solid red (shades may vary)
- Polled
- A blond, light red, or mixed switch
- Cattle may have black hair on the tail, muzzle, face, neck, and legs

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Coarse joints (not to be confused with big boned cattle)
- Solid White Switch

Absolute Disqualifications

- Horns or scurs breaking through the skin
- White skin resulting in white hair above the underline or in front of the navel (white on navel is acceptable)
- White skin resulting in white hair on the leg
- Black pigmentation of the skin. Not to be confused with freckling on the nose or anus
- Roaning
- Dehorning scars or evidence of dehorning
- Black Noses

AOB CONTINENTAL

(Any Other Breed Continental including, but not limited to the following)

SIMMENTAL

Acceptable Breed Characteristics

- Appear to physically exhibit characteristics of a purebred Simmental
- Solid black, red, red and white, yellow and white, black and white
- Some painting or spotting above the underline
- Bald, blaze, or streak face
- Typically longer head, larger ears

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Motley/Brockle face
- Excessive white above the underline

Absolute Disqualifications

- Brindle
- Roans
- Smut or gray, white, smoky, silver or any combination of these
- Skunk tail

LIMOUSIN

Acceptable Breed Characteristics

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a Limousin
- Solid black, red/orange, light red, charcoal black, chocolate black, orange or brockleface
- Bald face
- Tend to be smooth shouldered

Head

- Eye – Deeper socket, prominent brow, light pigment around eye on reds
- Poll –Needs to have a wide poll
- Ear – Tends to be smaller and rounder
- Muzzle – Tends to be short

Sheath

- Tend to have a forward angle

Legs/foot

- Tend to be smooth jointed
- Tend to be flat boned

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Coarse joints, skeleton, and head
- Course open shoulders
- Brindle
- Pencil sheath, hanging straight down
- Pointed poll
- Excessive crest
- White Switch

Absolute Disqualifications

- Stocking legs
- Spotting above the underline
- Roans
- Yellow, Blonde, Grey, Silver
- Diluter Gene
- Red Cattle with Black noses
- Monkey/Parrot mouth

CHARLOIS

Acceptable Breed Characteristics

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a half-blood purebred Charolais
- White, yellow gray, or silver (moderate dappling allowed)
- Expression of diluter gene
- Minimal painting or spotting less than 20%
- Skunk tail, line back, baldy

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Excessive painting or spotting (over 20%)
- Double muscling
- Brindles
- Frail bone work and frail general appearance
- Light red color or orange
- Short, stubby head
- Overly refined, narrow head
- Excessive dark pigmentation (eyes, nose, ears, and anus)
- Excessive dappling

Absolute Disqualifications

- Black, red, dark smuts
- Showing no diluter gene, unless solid white
- Excessive painting or spotting

CROSS DIVISION

Steers of any coloration pattern are acceptable