



# **WYOMING**

## **Beef Breed Classification**

### **Guidelines**

A collaborative effort by the Wyoming FFA Association and Wyoming 4-H programs in partnership with the Wyoming State Fair.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION:

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#### YOUTH MARKET BEEF - POLICIES

1. Youth beef show will be classified by breed, then weight. Weighing of all market beef will be Tuesday, August 17, beginning at 10:00AM per the following schedule: 10:00-10:30 AM Breed steers/heifers 10:30-11:30 AM Cattle from Albany, Big Horn, Campbell, Carbon, Converse, Crook, and Fremont counties 11:30 AM-12:30 PM Cattle from Lincoln, Natrona, Niobrara, Goshen, Hot Springs, Johnson, and Laramie counties 12:30-1:30 PM Cattle from Park, Platte, Sheridan, Sublette, Sweetwater, Teton, Uinta, Washakie, and Weston counties
2. Each animal is allowed only one trip through the scale. The Weigh-in Committee will have full authority to operate the scale and record the weight. No weigh backs will be allowed.
3. Classes will be established by breed, and then weight within each breed division respectively following processing. Champions and Reserve Champions from each of the breed divisions will compete for Overall Grand and Reserve Champion Market Beef.
4. Market heifers need not be spayed; however, this is a Market Beef Show and expected to be a terminal type show for all entries.
5. Classes will be determined for minimum acceptable weights of 1,050 pounds for market heifers and 1,100 pounds for market steers.
6. All market beef must have been born after January 1, 2020.
7. **Exhibitors will need to designate which breed to enter. Classes with total entries of 9 or less will be added to AOB English or AOB Continental classes.**
8. **Any market beef classified out of the Black Angus, Hereford, Shorthorn, and Maine Anjou will be into one of the Any Other Breed classes or they will be required to show in the Crossbred class.**
9. Enter all Market Beef in respective classes:

#### CLASS:

- 100 Black Angus
- 200 Hereford
- 300 Main Anjou
- 400 Shorthorn
- 500 Crossbred
- 600 AOB Continental
- 700 AOB English

## **Wyoming State Fair Breed Classification Policy**

In the livestock industry most animals are sorted by visual characteristics into groups for marketing purposes. Similarly, during livestock shows, classes will be sorted on a visual characteristic basis. Classifiers are in place to exercise their judgement. If your animal is classed differently by the committee, it doesn't mean that your animal wasn't accurately represented. The classification process is meant to be the first stage in the judging process and it's all just that, a matter of judgement. To aid in understanding breed standards, 4-H and FFA members should review and understand Breed Standards. These standards are available but are meant to be used as a GUIDELINE.

The classification committee will be made up of three individuals agreed upon by 4-H, FFA, and WSF. The committee will have the final say on all classifications. No process for appeals.

Eligibility for the class is confirmed ONLY by visual appraisal, as evaluated by classifiers. Registration papers, breeder affidavits, or other paperwork is NOT considered part of the classification process.

Committee members will use a chip system in an anonymous drop. At least 2 blue colored chips indicate the committee agrees with the breed classification presented by the member. At least 2 red colored chips indicate a disagreement with the breed classification by the member. In the event at least 2 red chips are dropped, the committee will discuss whether the animal should be classed in another breed or the crossbred class. There will be no communication with classification committee members until after chips have been dropped.

The committee can class an animal into another breed or the cross-bred division. Animals will not be disqualified from participating as a result of the classification.

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## **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