

Junior Commercial Steer Feeding & Management Show

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DEADLINES

Last Day to Purchase and Weigh Steers
for Beginning Weights.....Sept. 30
Intent Form & Weight Slips Due in Livestock Office..... Oct. 15
Entry Deadline Dec. 1

Begin Arrival:	Sunday	March 4	4 a.m.
*Arrive directly to Gate 5, Reliant Arena			
In Place By:	Sunday	March 4	10 a.m.
Record Books Turned In By:	Sunday	March 4	10 a.m.
Orientation:	Sunday	March 4	10:30 a.m.
Exhibitor Lunch:	Sunday	March 4	11:00
Quiz:	Sunday	March 4	1 p.m.
Weigh & Grade Steers:	Sunday	March 4	2:30 p.m.
Ice Cream Social	Sunday	March 4	3 p.m.
Interviews & Meat ID:	Monday	March 5	8 a.m.
Buyer's Reception	Monday	March 5	2 p.m.
Sale:	Monday	March 5	3 p.m.
Final Interviews:	Monday	March 5	4 p.m.
Awards Luncheon:	Tuesday	March 6	Noon

Special Rules for Junior Commercial Steer Feeding & Management Show

- Rules:** This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations and to the Special Rules listed in this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules will prevail.
- Purpose:** The Junior Commercial Steer Feeding & Management Show is to encourage more 4-H and FFA members to participate in a practical beef production program. Emphasis on feeding economy is not only recommended but is a prerequisite for entry in this Show.
- Previous Winners:** Past Overall Winners of the Junior Commercial Steer Feeding & Management Show cannot compete in any future Junior Commercial Steer Shows at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.
- Intent Form:** Exhibitors should advise the Agricultural Exhibits & Competition Department, P.O. Box 20070, Houston, Texas 77225, on or before **October 15** of their intent to enter the Junior Commercial Steer Feeding & Management Show by submitting an intent form. The intent form can be completed at www.rodeohouston.com. The intent form must be mailed to the Show office and accompanied by the official scale ticket or tickets properly completed with the animals' identification, weight, date weighed, seller of the animal, buyer of the animal, sequential number of the scale ticket, and signature or initials of the weigh master. Upon receipt of the intent form and weight slips, feeding record forms will be mailed to the exhibitor in care of the AST or CEA. Ear tags will be mailed out to the club or chapter before the show.

In order to be considered an official entry, the exhibitor must also be entered on-line prior to Dec. 1, 2011 through the AST/CEA.

- Record Books:** Exhibitors must turn in their record books at time of arrival on Show grounds. Records books must be turned in by 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 4, 2012. Questions regarding Record Books may be directed to Mark Kubecka, (361) 649-1838 or via e-mail markkubecka@gmail.com
- Entry:** Entry will be a pen of three steers. Steers of any of the beef breeds are eligible to be entered in this Show. Replacement steers will not be accepted.

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7. **Arrival:** All exhibitors must arrive directly to Reliant Arena and enter through Gate 5. Exhibitors may begin to arrive no earlier than 4 a.m. and must be in place by 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 4. Exhibitors arriving earlier than 4 a.m. on March 4 will be turned away.
8. **Feeding for Show:** Pen-of-three is to be fed in a separate feed pen from other livestock when placed on full feed. Steers grazed prior to entering their finishing pen may be grazed with other livestock.
9. **Affidavit of Certification:** Exhibitor, parent or guardian, and CEA or AST are required to sign an "Affidavit of Certification" certifying that all three steers are fed separately in a feedlot pen and not fed with other livestock. Violation of this rule will result in permanent disqualification.
10. **Days on Feed:** At time of weigh-in (sale weight) at the Show, the number of days on full feed must be given to the Committee by the exhibitor.
11. **Divisions:** Exhibitors between the ages of 9 & 13 on or before August 31, 2011, as well as students in the 3rd grade who have reached their 8th birthday, are eligible to compete in the Junior division of the Junior Commercial Steer Feeding and Management Show. Students between the ages of 14 & 18 on or before August 31, 2011 are eligible to compete in the Senior division of the Junior Commercial Steer Feeding and Management Show. Exhibitors in the Junior and Senior divisions will be evaluated by judges using the same scoring system. Junior Division exhibitors are eligible to win Sr./Overall awards and Special Awards. Senior Division exhibitors are not eligible to win Junior Awards.
12. **Weighing:** Cattle must be weighed on a certified livestock scale by a certified weigher starting on February 26 through March 3, 2012 with a 3 percent pencil shrink. This weight is the official weight for the feeding records (record weight). The certified weigher must sign the official scale ticket and the weights must appear on the ticket. This weighing will be followed by check-in weight (sale weight) at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Cattle will be sold on the check-in weight.
13. **Sale Weights:** Steers must weigh a minimum of 1,050 pounds or a maximum of 1,450 pounds (sale weight) at weigh-in. Steers that fall below or above these weights will not be graded and will sell at the end of the sale after all graded steers. There will be no reweighs.
14. **Steer Handling:** Steers that are wild or unruly will be disqualified. If it is necessary to remove one or more unruly animals from a pen, the entire pen will be disqualified. Steers will be shown as a group in pens. Exhibitors must be in their pen with steers, and remain with them through weighing and grading, and back to their pens. Exhibitors must be in their pen with steers on sale day, and remain with them to sale ring.
15. **Horns:** Steers must be dehorned with no re-growth of horns or scurs to be visible at the Show.
16. **Health Certification:** Health certificates are not required. Exhibitor and his or her AST/CEA or other representative must certify that the steers were withdrawn from all chemicals and drugs in accordance with USDA regulations and comply with all state and federal regulations pertaining to livestock.
17. **Death Loss:** Should an exhibitor lose a steer due to death, that exhibitor must provide immediate notification in writing stating time and cause of death to Show Management. This notification must also be signed by the CEA/AST and a parent or guardian.
18. **Grading Committee:** A committee of three judges will grade the Junior Commercial Steers based on the USDA standard quality and yield grades for slaughter steers.
19. **Questions:** The Junior Commercial Steer Feeding and Management Committee Chairman will designate a time when the exhibitor may direct questions or inquiries pertaining to any aspect of the Show to Show Officials or designated committee persons.
20. **Scoring Systems:** The official scoring system is based on 100 points, allocated as follows:
 - a. Quiz..... 25 pts.
 - b. Oral Interview 25 pts.
 - c. Record Book 25 pts.
 - d. Steer Grade..... 15 pts.
 - e. Cost/lb. gain 4 pts.
 - f. Avg. Daily gain 3 pts.
 - g. Feed Conversion..... 3 pts.

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- 21. Contest Completion:** Exhibitors must complete all phases of the contest and score a minimum number of points in order to receive premium moneys.
- 22. Ineligible Steers for Points:** For steers that have been determined to have horns or scurs, weigh less than 1,050 pounds (sale weight) or weigh more than 1,450 pounds (sale weight), the exhibitor will not receive points on these ineligible steers.
- 23. Ribbon Steers:** Steers receiving ribbons will be sold, by grade and weight, at a special sale. Steers below the grade of Select will be sold at the sale after all other steers of a higher grade are sold. The regular marketing cost, including trucking expenses to the livestock market, will be borne by the exhibitor and deducted from the sale proceeds. This is a practical, commercially fed steer show. It should be specifically understood that it is not the intent of the Show management to seek premium bids at the sale of the entries in this division. All steers entered will be sold at the sale.
- 24. Sale Cap:** Sale price will be capped at 20 cents above fed cattle market on the day of the sale. Auction prices for steers weighing less than 1,050 pounds will be capped at 5 cents above the stated market price on the day of the sale. Show management will determine market price. Amounts bid over the cap amount will be transferred to the premium cash award pool for the current show year payout.
- 25. Commission:** Exhibitors will be assessed a \$20 auction commission per head sold.

Ribbons will be awarded to steers grading as follows:

LIVE GRADES	RIBBON	POINTS PER STEER
USDA PRIME		
1. Yield Grade-1 to 2	Blue	5
2. Yield Grade- 3	Blue	4
3. Yield Grade-4 to 5	None	1
USDA CHOICE		
1. Yield Grade-1 to 2	Red	5
2. Yield Grade- 3	Red	4
3. Yield Grade-4 to 5	None	1
USDA SELECT		
1. Yield Grade-1 to 2	White	3
2. Yield Grade- 3	White	2
3. Yield Grade-4 to 5	None	0

PREMIUM CASH AWARDS: There will be premium cash awards based on Steer Points AND Record Points. Base premium moneys will be \$5,000 divided 20 percent (\$1,000) to Steer Points and 80 percent (\$4,000) to Record Points as follows:

STEER POINTS: The value of each steer point is determined by adding the total number of points on all animals and dividing into the total monies. A hypothetical case based on 300 steers graded as follows:

Prime, yield grade 1 to 2	5 steers	x 5 pts.	=	25 pts.
Prime, yield grade 3	5 steers	x 4 pts.	=	20 pts.
Prime, yield grade 4 to 5	3 steers	x 1 pts.	=	3 pts.
Choice, yield grade 1 to 2	150 steers	x 5 pts.	=	750 pts.
Choice, yield grade 3	94 steers	x 4 pts.	=	376 pts.
Choice, yield grade 4 to 5	10 steers	x 1 pts.	=	10 pts.
Select, yield grade 1 to 2	20 steers	x 3 pts.	=	60 pts.
Select, yield grade 3	9 steers	x 2 pts.	=	18 pts.
Select, yield grade 4 to 5	4 steers	x 0 pts.	=	0 pts.
300 Steers				1,262 pts.

\$1,000 divided by 1,262 = \$0.7923 per point (Approx.)

Prime, yield grade 1 to 2	= .7923 x 5	=	3.96/steer
Prime, yield grade 3	= .7923 x 4	=	3.17/steer
Prime, yield grade 4 to 5	= .7923 x 1	=	.79/steer
Choice, yield grade 1 to 2	= .7923 x 5	=	3.96/steer
Choice, yield grade 3	= .7923 x 4	=	3.17/steer
Choice, yield grade 4 to 5	= .7923 x 4	=	3.17/steer
Select, yield grade 1 to 2	= .7923 x 3	=	2.38/steer
Select, yield grade 3	= .7923 x 2	=	1.58/steer
Select, yield grade 4 to 5	= .7923 x 0	=	0.00/steer

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RECORD POINTS: The point value is determined by the quiz, oral interview, record book, cost/lb. of gain, average daily gain and feed conversion. The exhibitors total scores (90 or less and a minimum of 25 or more to qualify for any steer points and/or record points) divided into the award moneys, i.e. 70 contestants x an average of 50 points = 3,500 points, Therefore, \$4,000 divided by 3,500 points = \$1.143. A score of 65 would receive \$74.30.

Junior Commercial Steer Feeding and Management Show 2012 Awards

TOP 8 FINALIST AWARDS

1st place

2012 Ford Truck – Donated by The Houston
Livestock Show and Rodeo™
\$1,000 Cash Award
Trophy, Banner and Buckle

2nd place

Laptop Computer
\$500 Cash Award
Trophy and Banner

3rd place

Laptop Computer
\$250 Cash Award
Plaque

4th place

\$200 Cash Award
Plaque

5th place

\$175 Cash Award
Plaque

6th place

\$150 Cash Award
Plaque

7th place

\$125 Cash Award
Plaque

8th place

\$100 Cash Award
Plaque

JUNIOR HIGH POINT AWARDS

1st place

Laptop Computer
\$300 Cash Award

2nd place

\$150 Cash Award

3rd place

\$100 Cash Award

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Senior Rookie

\$750 Cash Award

Junior Rookie

\$700 Cash Award

HIGHEST GRADING PEN OF STEERS

\$400 Cash Award

RECORD BOOK AWARDS

Best Record Book

\$150 Cash Award

Best Rookie Record Book

\$100 Cash Award

MEAT IDENTIFICATION CONTEST AWARDS

1st place

\$1,000 Cash Award

2nd place

\$600 Cash Award

3rd place

\$500 Cash Award

4th place

\$400 Cash Award

HERDSMAN AWARDS

1st place

\$400 Cash Award

2nd place

\$250 Cash Award

3rd place

\$150 Cash Award

LIPS HARDSHIP AWARD

\$1000 Cash Award

FIGHTING HEART AWARD

\$500 Cash Award