

**DEPARTMENT "A-1" – MARKET BEEF CATTLE**

Premiums offered - \$3,680.00

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Market Beef Cattle entry fees - \$7.50 per entry

Stall fees - \$5.00 per animal

Exhibitors Fee - \$11.00

**Market Beef Cattle Show: Saturday, July 24, 2021 following the Breeding Beef Cattle Show**

1. All exhibitors must familiarize themselves with all rules listed in the Open Class Show General Rules and Regulations and with all Health rules listed in the Open Class Livestock Health Rules and Regulations.
2. **Entries**
  - a. Mailed entries must be postmarked by midnight on Sunday, July 11, 2021.
  - b. Mail entries to: RICO Fair, 4200 Archer Drive, East Moline, IL 61244.
  - c. On-line entries must be time-stamped by midnight on Sunday, July 11, 2021.
  - d. On-line entries may be made at [www.rockislandfair.org](http://www.rockislandfair.org)
3. **Requirements**
  - a. Health papers are required for all livestock entries.
  - b. ***Please Note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and maintaining compliance with state mandates, check-in days and times have been adjusted in accordance with an Illinois Department of Agriculture approved exemption to the 72 Hour Rule.***
4. **Market Heifers**
  - a. Market Heifers are strictly market animals, they can NOT show in ANY breeding female classes for 4-H, Jr. and/or Open shows.
  - b. Market Heifers must be open (not bred) and can NOT be taken home for breeding purposes
    - i. A pregnancy check must be done within 30 days of July 22, 2021.
    - ii. Health papers verifying a market heifer is open must be presented at check-in.
  - c. Market Heifers can be crossbred or purebred but will show together.
5. **Check-in**
  - a. Thursday, July 22, 2021.
6. **Weigh-in**
  - a. 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Thursday, July 22, 2021.
  - b. Registration papers must be presented at weigh-in.
  - c. Heifers will be checked for tattoos and health papers at scales
7. **Show**
  - a. No heifer will be permitted in any steer class.
  - b. Crossbreed steers will be divided as equally as possible into weight classes.
    - i. If there are 10 or more entries in any one class, the classes may be adjusted by the Superintendent.
  - c. Registered cattle must be shown in a breed class if available and may not be shown in Crossbreed or All Other Breeds classes.
  - d. Simmentals must be  $\frac{3}{4}$  blood or more, if not, it must be shown in All Other Breeds, Class 4
8. **Release**
  - a. 3:00 p.m., Saturday, July 24, 2021.
  - b. ***Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and maintaining compliance with state mandates, the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Bureau of County Fairs and Horse Racing, has granted early dismissal of all livestock and exhibits.***
9. **General**
  - a. No tie-outs before 6:00 p.m.
  - b. Livestock trailers must be parked along the North fence of the grass parking area, behind Kunes Ford of East Moline.
    - i. NO livestock trailers will be allowed near barns or in the campground.
  - c. All premium checks will be released for pick-up after 3:00 p.m., Saturday, July 24, 2021.
    - i. Checks may be picked up at the RICO Fair office, located in the Copeland Center.
    - ii. All checks must be cashed within 90 days from issue.
    - iii. A signature is required to receive premium monies.
    - iv. Checks not picked up will be mailed.

