

## Market Steer Department (Official Rules will be posted on May 20, 2022)

<i>Important Dates</i>	<i>Event</i>
September 1, 2022	Exhibitor must be 8 years of age
May 27, 2022	Commercial Market Steer Online Entry due with paid entry fee, carcass ultrasound fee and tagging fee
June 11, 2022 8:00 am	Commercial Market Steer Selection Day (Ag Center)
July 29, 2022	Open Show Market Steer Ownership deadline
July 29, 2022 11:59 pm	Open Show Market Steer Online Entry due with paid entry fee, carcass ultrasound fee and tagging fee
July 30 - August 6, 2022 11:59 pm	Late online entries accepted for Open Show Market Steers with paid entry fee, late entry fee, carcass ultrasound fee and tagging fee
August 13, 2022 6:00 am - 9:00 am	Mandatory Initial weigh-in and Tagging day(Open) ( Ag Center)
December 9, 2022 5:00 pm	Buyer Letters Due(Open and Commercial)
January 25, 2023 6:00 am - 8:00 am 1:00pm	Check In/Final Weigh in(Open and Commercial) Luncheon
January 26, 2023 6:00 pm	Market Steer Show(Open and Commercial)
January 27, 2023 6:30 pm	Market Steer Sale(Open and Commercial)

### Exhibitor Rules

**Age of Exhibitors:** Exhibitors must be 8 years old as of September 1, 2022.

**Registration: Registration this year will be done online (no paper entries accepted) Please visit, [pcyf.net](http://pcyf.net) and select “online entry” to register and pay for your Market Steer entry. For any questions, please e-mail the youth fair office at [pcyf@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:pcyf@ifas.ufl.edu) .**

### Animal Rules

**Eligible Animals:** The exhibitor shall be the sole owner of the market steer entered from the time of entry until the market steer is sold at the market steer sale. Partial or fractional ownership of a market steer by an exhibitor is prohibited. Each exhibitor will be allowed to enter two market steers but allowed to show and sell only one market steer. In the event exhibitor has two market steers entered, he/she must decide which market steer they want weighed in at final weigh-in in January. **Only in the event of the first market steer being eliminated will the second market steer be allowed to unload and weigh-in.** Steers will be grouped into two separate shows. One show will be composed of commercial steers and all of the other steers will be in the open steer show. An exhibitor will only be allowed to show and sell one market steer in either the open or commercial class.

### xOpen Market Steer Show

All steers entered in the open steer show are those not participating in the commercial steer show. Open steers will be divided into

(2) divisions: European Influence and American Influence. The divisions will show separately and by weight. During the 1<sup>st</sup> weigh in on Saturday, August 13, 2022, a panel of (3) representatives will be present to make the final decisions on which division the exhibitors animal will be shown in. **\*\*Please note to make the divisions there must be at least 10 head entered per division\*\***

### Commercial Steer Show

All steers entered in the commercial steer class must be purchased from an approved commercial producer on the selection day.

### **Commercial Steer Selection Day Procedures**

On the day of steer selection, exhibitors will select their steer based upon a random order. Exhibitors may select up to two (2) steers based upon the availability of animals. If the exhibitor chooses to select two (2) steers, the second steer may only be chosen after all other exhibitors have chosen their first steer. All calves will be ear tagged with corresponding numbers and tattooed on the selection day. The sale of the animals will be between the producer and the exhibitor. All sales are final and payment is due on the day of selection. Immediate family members (children and grandchildren) of the approved commercial producer will be offered at least last choice of steer selection from the producer's group of steers, present on selection day. The selection must be made on the official selection day and must be of similar type/quality steers. The selection day will serve as the official weigh-in for the commercial steers.

**xOpen Steer Mandatory Weigh-in Dates and Weight Requirements:** All market steers entered in the open show will be weighed in, ear tagged with corresponding numbers at the initial weigh-in on **Saturday, August 13, 2022**. Market steers should weigh a minimum of 550 lbs. (550 lbs. or more) at the initial weigh-in on August 13, 2022. This is a suggested weight, however, there is no minimum weight at the initial weigh-in. Weigh-in will be from 6:00 A.M. until 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, August 13, 2022. All market steers entered into the open show will be weighed in at the Agricultural Center in Bartow.

**Both Open and Commercial Market Steers must weigh a minimum of 1,000 pounds (1,000 pounds or more) at the final weigh-in on JANUARY 25, 2023.**

**Official Reweighs:** At the sole discretion of fair management, one or more animals may be reweighed after the final weigh-in in January, 2023. A market steer's show and sale weight shall be the most recent official weight as determined by fair management.

**Bull Calves:** No bull calves will be accepted at the August 13, 2022 weigh-in. The neutering process must be sufficiently healed before the weigh-in. We recommend the neutering be done as early as possible.

**Animal Identification:** As a condition for participation in the Polk County Youth Fair Market Steer Show and Sale, exhibitor hereby agrees to submit to unique animal identification of any and all animals entered by exhibitor for purposes of identification. The Polk County Youth Fair requires that the animal exhibited at the Polk County Youth Fair be the same as the animal entered at the initial weigh-in. If the animal's identity is found to differ from initial weigh-in exhibitor will forfeit any prize money and/or sale proceeds, any add-ons and may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit in the future at the Polk County Youth Fair. An identification tag fee in the amount of \$10.00 per animal entered will need to be submitted with entry form. The Polk County Youth Fair office must be notified within forty-eight (48) hours of a hanging tag that is lost, missing, or is no longer attached to the steer. Failure to notify the Youth Fair office within forty eight (48) hours will result in disqualification from the fair.

**Owner Responsibility:** It is the responsibility of the owner to verify ear tag and unique individual identification match from the initial weigh-in in August, 2022. At time of sale, halter will be supplied for each steer. This halter is the property of the Fair and must remain with the market steer after the sale. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in a \$10.00 service fee assessed to the exhibitor. Market steers must be double tied with a halter lead and neck rope, each tied to a separate ring.

**Tag Removal:** Exhibitors removing ear tag from market steer after sale will be charged a fee of \$100.00 to be deducted from sale check. This rule will be strictly enforced.

### **Certified Age Certificate and/or Mouthing**

No market steer will be accepted whose known age is more than 24 months. A signed statement from the breeder certifying age will be accepted. The management reserves the right to determine age by mouthing in cases where the physiological age differs greatly from the certified chronological age.

**Animal Handling:** At final weigh-in market steers must be handled by exhibitor only from scale to tie space. Any exhibitor who cannot handle their steer at final weigh-in will have until 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, JANUARY 25, 2023 to demonstrate handling requirement or be disqualified at that time. During the 2023

Market Steer Show any market steers deemed a safety hazard will be removed from the show and receive a no award and will be sold at the end of the sale. Any market steers removed from the show by the market steer committee after being judged will also be sold at the end of the sale.

**xGrooming and Clipping:** The use of fitting products is allowed. Exhibitors are encouraged to clip steers before they arrive at the fair but are allowed to clip on grounds if they clean up hair. Assistance with fitting is allowed.

**It is unethical to inject steers with air or any product that compromises the meat and changes the appearance of the animal. When steers are processed, if the slaughterhouse reports any activity the exhibitor will forfeit their sale check any premiums earned.**

Ethical treatment of animals at all times while on fair grounds. Any exhibitor that is caught hitting or injuring their steer will be removed from the show ring and not allowed to return. It is imperative that all animals are treated with respect and that Exhibitors do not use harm as a source of controlling said animal. If this occurs these steers will sell at the very end of the sale order.

**Carcass Ultrasound:** A carcass ultrasound, held in conjunction with the Polk County Youth Fair, emphasizes the end product of the beef industry and provides a valuable educational compliment to the Steer Show. A comprehensive report is prepared following the judging of the carcass qualities using ultrasound. The ultrasound report measurements will include FOE (fat over the ribeye at the 13<sup>th</sup> rib), ribeye area, and marbling score, which is a measurement of intramuscular-fat. These measurements will be used to calculate yield grade and estimate carcass quality.

**Show Classes:** Market steers will be placed in classes based on weight regardless of age. The management reserves the right to determine the number and size of classes to insure the maximum efficiency in conducting the show.

**Sale:** The Polk County Youth Fair Market Steer Show is a terminal show. Order of sale will be set by Fair Management. Market price will be established by packer bids.

*xAll exhibitors are required to sign a "Polk County Youth Fair Market Steer Ethics Policy and Statement of Understanding." This form will be e-mailed directly to the exhibitor after online registration is closed. This ethics policy must be signed by the exhibitor. Exhibitors should bring a copy of their Ethics Policy and Statement of Understanding to the final weigh in on January 25, 2023.*

**Exhibitors, parent/guardian, teacher or leader must be present at the weigh-in.**

Parents/guardians not present for the initial weigh-in must sign and turn in a "2023 Polk County Youth Fair Waiver and Hold Harmless Agreement" prior to the initial weigh-in. Exhibitor must show and sell their own animal.

**ALL MARKET STEERS MUST SELL AND GO TO SLAUGHTER TO A DESIGNATED SLAUGHTERHOUSE.**

**Load out time for market steers is Friday, JANUARY 27, 2023 immediately following barn reconciliation and Saturday, JANUARY 28, 2023, 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.**