



POLK COUNTY YOUTH FAIR

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2016 COMMERCIAL MARKET STEER ENTRY FORM

ENTRY DEADLINE: MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2015

COMMERCIAL STEER SELECTION DATE: TENTATIVE DATE - JUNE 13, 2015

The following is due with entry form: *Completed Entry Form including all signature requirements \$10.00 Market Steer Entry Fee, \$10.00 Tagging Identification fee per market steer you will be purchasing \$10.00 Carcass Ultrasound Fee(not optional), Market Steer Ethics Policy including all signature requirements*

PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION ON ENTRY FORM! Use black or blue ink only.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Your Birth date ____/____/____

Telephone Number _____ email address: _____

Mailing Address _____

City/Town _____ Zip Code _____

School Attending _____ Grade in School _____

Club/Chapter Name _____

Are you exhibiting as a (please check one): ____4-H member ____FFA member ____FCCLA member

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Number of steers you are requesting: 1 steer or 2 steers

*Physical address where steer will be raised _____

Is this your first year showing a steer? ____yes ____no - if no, how many years have you been showing steers? _____

As a condition for participation in the Polk County Youth Fair Market Steer Show and Sale, The Polk County Youth Fair requires that the animal exhibited at the Polk County Youth Fair be the same as the animal entered selected during the selection day. If the animal's identity is found to differ from the animal tagged at the selection day, 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.

***All signatures are mandatory for entry form to be accepted.**

*** You may request up to two steers however, only one may be shown and sold. The second request will be filled only after all exhibitors have chosen their first calf and then based upon the availability of animals.**

***This form is only to be used for the commercial steer show. An exhibitor may only show in either the open or commercial show. You will be contacted regarding a date and time for animal selection and pick up.**

I certify that I am the above named exhibitor and that I am a member in good standing of the organization listed above.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE 2016 YOUTH FAIR RULES AND REGULATIONS AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY SAID RULES. I hereby affirm that all statements on this entry are true and correct.

Date _____ Exhibitor's Signature _____

I certify that I have complete knowledge of this entry and authorize my child to enter. I also certify that the above named exhibitor is the sole owner of the market steer(s) listed above and that he/she is a member in good standing of the organization listed above. **I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE 2016 YOUTH FAIR RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

Date _____ Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

I certify that the above named exhibitor is a member in good standing of the organization listed above.

Date _____ Teacher/Leader's Signature _____

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Polk County Youth Fair Market Steer Ethics Policy and Statement of Understanding

This ethics policy applies to any 4-H/FFA/FCCLA student planning to exhibit a market steer in the Polk County Youth Fair.

The following practices or procedures are unacceptable and are defined as being deceptive, fraudulent, unethical, and inhumane in the care, fitting, preparation and showing of all classes of market steers. The use of any illegal drug is prohibited. Any substance used to phenotypically alter the appearance of an animal entered in the Polk County Youth Fair is prohibited.(see Guideline #5).

Proof of any animal being subjected to illegal and/or unethical practice(s) and/or procedure(s) described herein subjects the animal to immediate disqualification. The animal is ineligible for exhibition at the Polk County Youth Fair. The exhibitor will forfeit any premium, awards, or auction proceeds, and may be prohibited from future competition at any Polk County Youth Fair, as well as being subject to potential criminal prosecution.

The following is a listing of guidelines all 4-H/FFA/FCCLA student exhibitors must follow to enter a market steer in the Polk County Youth Fair.

1. Exhibitors must be bonafide members of a 4-H Club, FFA Chapter, FCCLA Chapter and care for their animal(s) under the direct supervision of a 4-H Leader, Agriscience Teacher or Family & Consumer Sciences Teacher. Exhibitors must be enrolled in, and attending, public or private and/or home school, elementary, middle schools in Polk County. Exhibitors must be 8 years old as of September 1, 2015.
2. All exhibitors must have viable proof of ownership available to prove length of time animal(s) have been owned. Market steers must be owned and under exhibitor's daily care by June 13, 2015. The official ownership date is the date shown on the bill of sale or receipt of sale, unless the animal was bred by the exhibitor, in which calving or birth records will be utilized.
3. Exhibitors must continuously own and personally feed and care for their animal(s) throughout the entire feeding period. The feeding period begins with the initial weigh-in date in July through the check in of animals in January. Prior approval must be granted by the Market Steer committee in the event the animal will be outside the direct care of the exhibitor. The animal(s) may not be out of the exhibitor's care for a period exceeding 48 hours. Exceptions may be made with approval from Polk County Youth Fair Market Steer committee.
4. No exhibitor may show a market steer which has been previously sold at a county, regional, or major livestock show auction or sale in which the ownership of the animal has changed hands after the ownership deadline and initial weigh-in for that market steer. Any method used to misrepresent the age of an animal for a class in which it is shown is deceptive and considered a violation of the rules and regulations. Showing an animal for another individual by claiming ownership in order to show in a specific livestock class or event is prohibited. False ownership is a violation of the rules and regulations.
5. Treating an animal internally or externally, with any irritant, counter-irritant, or other substance used to artificially change the confirmation or appearance of an animal for show is considered unethical, inhumane, and is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to the use of graphite, air, powders, hemp, artificial hair coloring, common

products such as fly spray, ointment or liniment used to the point that is irritating, (unless required to reduce edema at time of calving) or similar type products. The use of dyes, spray paint or other artificial coloring which result in altering an animal's true and natural appearance and/or color is prohibited. Adding false hair or hair-like material, fleece, or skin at any point, spot or area of the animal's body is illegal and will result in immediate disqualification.

6. Surgery, injection or insertion of foreign material under the skin and/or into the flesh of an animal to change the natural contour, conformation or appearance of an animal's body is illegal. This includes vegetable oil, air, silicon or any other substance used to alter the shape of the animal. Acceptable practices of physical preparation which are allowed include trimming of hooves and dehorning.
7. The use of inhumane fitting, showing and/or handling practices or devices shall not be tolerated.
8. The Polk County Youth Fair reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these guidelines and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to "Polk County Youth Fair Market Steer Ethics Policy and Statement of Understanding".

Any violation of the "Polk County Youth Fair Ethics Policy and Statement of Understanding" or specific rules as designated in the 2016 Polk County Youth Fair Rules and Regulations may result in forfeiture of premiums and awards, disqualification, and may result in probationary status and/or loss of eligibility for future participation in the Polk County Youth Fair. **Possible civil penalties may be imposed by the proper authorities based on evidence provided by the livestock show of exhibitors in violation of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act/or the animal mistreatment, neglect, and abandonment laws that apply on the local, state, and/or national levels.** All rule violations will be dealt with on an individual basis by the Polk County Youth Fair.

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I am verifying that I have read the "Polk County Youth Fair Market Steer Ethics Policy and Statement of Understanding" and understand the consequences of and penalties involved for illegal, unethical, inhumane, and unfair practices in livestock competition. I am also verifying knowledge that my family and I may be prohibited from future participation in the Polk County Youth Fair, and could face possible criminal prosecution and/or civil penalties if implicated in any of the aforementioned acts.

_____ Exhibitor Signature	_____ Date
_____ Parent/Guardian Signature	_____ Date
_____ Teacher/Leader Signature	_____ Date