



TO: Junior Market Steer Exhibitors and Leaders
FROM: Sonoma County Fair Livestock Office
SUBJECT: Arrival Schedule & Important Information for your review!

Market Steer Arrival: Monday, August 6 - from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Market Steer & Breeding Beef Exhibitor Orientation: Monday, August 6, 12:00 p.m. Jamison Ring
Market Steer Weigh-in: Monday, August 6, at 6:00 p.m.

Vet Checks, Drug Residue Testing, & Weigh-in:

- The Sonoma County Fair employs an official Fair Vet to conduct a brief health inspection of all livestock arriving at the fairgrounds. This health check is for the benefit of all exhibitors, their animals, and the Sonoma County Fair.
- During market animal arrival times, drug residue testing will be conducted on livestock selected at random. Voluntarily, exhibitors may choose to have their animals tested. (*This service is available for the cost of the lab tests: \$125.00 per animal.*)
- Any retagged animal will be required to have a DNA sample taken during weigh-in.

Brand Inspections:

- This year the brand inspector will be checking brands during **weigh-in**. **It is mandatory that all exhibitors have their own bill of sale and a yellow transportation slip with them upon arrival to the fairgrounds.** The brand inspector requires both items, no exceptions.
- You may **not** have multiple exhibitors on the yellow transportation slip; **please fill out one slip per exhibitor.** Multiple beef animals are allowed on the yellow transportation slip as long as the exhibitor owns the animals listed. **The yellow transportation slip must include the exhibitors name and address, as well as the sellers name and address.**

Weigh In:

- Weigh-in will be held Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. Please be prepared to bring your animal to the scale when your club is called.
- During weigh-in, please have your photo taken. (This picture is for the carcass contest.)

Photos:

- In order to keep the sales running smoothly we will not be taking Thank You Note photos on auction days (Supreme Champion buyer's photos will be still be taken day of auction).
- Photo backdrop will be available for exhibitors to take their own photos, during non-scheduled times.

Other Important Reminders:

1. All steers must be slick shorn to within ¼" of growth (approximately 7 days prior to the fair). Any animal not meeting this requirement will be sifted at the scale and will be asked to be removed from the fairgrounds.
2. First bedding is not provided for exhibitors; please make sure you bring bedding (straw only) in with you.
3. For those of you with multiple animals, you may only bring two (2) animals onto the fairgrounds. Any spare animals must be kept home. Make your selection before you leave your home.
4. Local Rule 41 Exhibitor Tack Areas:
 - a. Exhibitors must only groom animals within their designated species barn area.
 - b. **Use of pop-up tents inside or around the livestock barn is prohibited.** Special permission for any shade canopies must be obtained from the livestock office

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Declaration of Medication Form:

- Exhibitors need to fill out and turn in one Declaration of Medication Form per market animal entered.
(Copy of form can be found on livestock website.)
- Completed forms are accepted at the livestock office, when you pick up your livestock exhibitor wristbands.

Drug Residue Testing Policy for Market Livestock Champions:

4-H and FFA Champion and Reserve Champion animals will be tested for unapproved drugs, chemicals, or medications, following their selection in the ring. *(Unapproved means not approved by the FDA for slaughter animals, including animals that may be destined for human consumption.)* Page 147 in the Exhibitor's Guidebook outlines this policy.

If you have any questions - please feel free to call the Entry Office at 545-4203.