

Beef Judge Expectations 2018 Asotin County Fair

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I. Showmanship: Is Very Important

- A. Cattle need to be clean! (Exhibitor too)
- B. Cattle need to be broke to lead and respond to the show stick
- C. Control of your animal is essential
- D. Having your animal's hair trained and properly clipped will help make the animal look it's best
- E. A leather show halter should be used and properly adjusted to the animal's face. The halter cross piece fairly high, just a couple inches below the eyes. The lead strap should be short enough it doesn't hit the ground
- F. A show stick is required. Its uses are to set feet properly, loan your animal if needed and to scratch the underline. It should never touch the ground.
- G. A comb is required. Any type is acceptable as long as its appropriate and easily stored in your back pocket.
- H. Eye contact with the judge is very important.
- I. Lining cattle up side by side or head to tail should be orderly, leaving only enough space for the judge to work between the animals.

II. In my evaluation of the cattle I will be looking for animals that are ready to be harvested.

Ones that I feel have enough back and rib fat to have a reasonable opportunity to grade choice or better. I will be looking for cattle with enough muscling balanced with fat to create a superior carcass. Along with those qualities, I'll be looking for length of body, depth of body, spring of rib and enough structure soundness that the animals can move around the ring in an easy fluid motion.

III. I always hope that stock shows are an enjoyable time for all involved. Have Fun!

IV. Finally, always be grateful to the people who help make you project a success. "Thank You" are too of the most important words people can ever say. If you say it often enough it will become a habit.