

Beef Judge Expectations 2021 Asotin County Fair Jim Church – Beef Judge

Fitting and Showing

Showmanship judging is an evaluation of the fitting and showing ability of the exhibitor. The following is a listing of what will be evaluated:

Fitting:

- Each animal will be evaluated for cleanliness. Not all exhibitors are professional fitters, but even the youngest exhibitor can operate a scrub brush. The animals should be clean and dry when they enter the show ring.
- The exhibitor's clipping job will be evaluated. Questions may be asked of the exhibitor regarding why they clipped the animal the way they are presenting it. A professional clip job is not expected, but the animal should be clipped to make it more presentable.

Showmanship:

- The animal should lead on command and be under control by the exhibitor. The exhibitor will be evaluated on who controls the movement of the animal and where the animal goes. Is the animal dictating movement or the exhibitor?
- The exhibitor will be evaluated on how quickly they set the animal into position at the stop and if the position that they set the animal does a good job of showing off the animal. The animal can be set up at the profile or square whichever the exhibitor chooses. The profile is the current desired position.
- The exhibitor will be asked to line up their animal next to other exhibitors. The exhibitors should line up their animals with the first animal in line and the line should be kept straight. If the animal gets out of position, the exhibitor should pull out and back into line to correct the misalignment.
- Eye contact with the judge is critical and the exhibitor will be evaluated on how they watch the judge. Exhibitors should watch the judge closely while checking on their animal regularly.
- Maintain proper spacing between animals while in line and also from head to tail.
- Questions will be asked of exhibitors in the championship classes. General questions on the beef industry, feeding and other beef related topics will be asked. These questions are used to determine the exhibitor's knowledge of their project and the beef cattle industry.
- Exhibitors should be clean and dressed in appropriate show attire recommended by their club leaders, and the county fair.

Quality Judging:

Exhibitors should show their animals as if the quality class is a showmanship class. The goal is to make the animal look its best while being evaluated for quality.

The animals will be evaluated for:

- Muscling – in the hip, across the top, in the shoulder, width of stance and balance from front to rear.
- Finish – fat across the ribs, over the top line, around the tail head, at the point of the shoulder, in the brisket and the cod.
- Structure - which includes length of body, depth of body, levelness of the top and hip, feet and leg structure and how they walk and move.

Good luck with your beef projects and I look forward to working with you at the Asotin County Fair.