



WYOMING

Beef Breed Classification

Guidelines

A collaborative effort by the Wyoming FFA Association and Wyoming 4-H programs in partnership with the Wyoming State Fair.

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Wyoming State Fair General Information and Policies

Please reference pages 76-78 in the Wyoming State Fair Premium Book for the complete Youth Livestock Show policies.

For general information regarding Youth Market Beef, please reference the Wyoming State Fair Premium Book, pages 80-84. Youth Market Beef policies and class numbers can be found on page 82.

Policies: Classes are created to support breed registry standards that also ensure opportunity for all 4-H and FFA members to compete while using entry numbers and show trends in classes creation.

***Exhibitors will be able to choose either the breed class and compete with the steers or the Market Heifer class but not both.**

CLASS:

- Black Angus
- Hereford
- Main Anjou
- Shorthorn/Shorthorn Plus
- Charolais
- AOB Continental
- AOB English
- Crossbred
- Market Heifer*

Wyoming State Fair Breed Classification Policy

A classification committee comprised of three individuals, each representing WSF, FFA, or 4-H, will visually determine each appropriate class entry. Registration papers, breeder affidavits, or other factors WILL NOT be considered by committee members. Animals are not disqualified from participating as a result of the classification.

Committee members each apply their opinion to anonymously vote using colored chips. At least 2 blue colored chips indicate the committee agrees with the breed classification entry. At least 2 red colored chips indicate disagreement with the breed classification entry. If at least 2 red chips are presented, the committee will convene to determine whether the animal should be moved into another breed class or the crossbred class. A second vote will be held resulting in final class entry eligibility.

Note: Classifiers are appointed by WSF to assist WSF by exercising their judgement for class placement. Their decision is final with no appeals. To aid in understand breed standards, 4-H and FFA members should review and understand breed association standards.

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ANGUS

Acceptable Breed Characteristics

- Must physically appear with breed characteristics of an Angus
- Solid Black
- Polled
- Needs to have a tight sheath that is round and perpendicular to the ground
- *Angus*-type ear set, small to moderate ear size high on the head
- Discriminatory Breed Characteristics
- Continental breed type structure (being coarse about his joints, not to be confused with big-boned cattle) and head
- Birthmarks or white hair in the switch should be reviewed for the skin color (black skin color is acceptable; white or pink skin is a disqualification)
- *Non-Angus*-type ear set (Ear set and excessive ear size as in Continental breeds)
- Large navels and angular sheaths

Absolute Disqualifications:

- White skin resulting in white hair above the underline or in the front of the navel
- (White on the navel is acceptable)
- White skin resulting in white hair on the leg, foot or tail
- Horns or scurs breaking through the skin
- Brindle
- Diluter color pattern
- Dehorning scars
- Double muscling

HEREFORD

Ideal Breed Characteristics

- Must physically appear with breed characteristics of a Hereford
- Some white on the back of both ears
- Red body with white face, white underline, and white-marked legs
- Traditional feather on crest

Acceptable Breed Characteristics – *These characteristics are not necessarily desirable and in combination may be discriminating*

- Dark red color
- Red neck
- Solid red ear(s)
- Excess white on legs
- Excess white above the underline
- Eye pigment
- Black hair in tail, or ear of animal
- Freckling on the nose
- White above switch in tail
- White across rump above the twist

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Solid white ear(s)
- Questionable ear size and shape
- Straight-line white markings on legs or tail above the switch
- White above the hocks, on the outside and back side of rear legs
- Excess pigment or color around the eyes
- Red neck in combination with excess white on legs
- Line back
- Coarse joints, head, or ribs

Absolute Disqualifications

- Solid black nose
- Diluter color pattern
- Streaking of white from the feather off the shoulder
- Brindles
- Double muscling; extreme muscle definition
- Any color pattern other than red or white (birthmarks excluded)

MAINE ANJOU

Acceptable Breed Characteristics

- Solid red
- Solid black
- Red and white
- Black and white
- Heavy skeletal structure

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- None

Absolute Disqualifications

- Brindle
- Roan
- Diluter color pattern

SHORTHORN/SHORTHORN PLUS

Acceptable Breed Classifications

- Must physically appear with breed characteristics of a Shorthorn/Shorthorn Plus
- Solid red; solid white with red hair or red pigment on ear, muzzle, anus or tail; or any combination of red and white, with the red and white color pattern bleeding together.

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Motley face or brockle face
- Orange or light red color
- Black nose pigment
- Coarse head
- Coarse joints

Absolute Disqualifications

- Diluter color pattern, such as yellow or yellow roan
- Blacks, blue roans, or grays
- Brindle
- Solid white with no red pigment on the ears, tail, or anus
- Double muscling

CHARLAIS

Acceptable Breed Characteristics

- Must physically appear with breed characteristics of a half-blood Charolais
- White, yellow gray, or silver (moderate dappling allowed)
- Expression of diluter gene
- Minimal painting or spotting
- Skunk tail, line back, baldy

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Excessive painting or spotting
- Double muscling
- Brindles
- Frail bone work and frail general appearance
- Light red color or orange
- Short, stubby head
- Overly refined, narrow head
- Excessive dark pigmentation (eyes, nose, ears, and anus)
- Excessive dappling

Absolute Disqualifications

- Black, red, dark smuts
- Showing no diluter gene, unless solid white
- Excessive painting or spotting

AOB CONTINENTAL

(Any Other Breed Continental including, but not limited to the following)

SIMMENTAL

Acceptable Breed Characteristics

- Appear to physically appear with characteristics of a Simmental
- Solid black, red, red and white, yellow and white, black and white
- Some painting or spotting above the underline
- Bald, blaze, or streak face
- Typically longer head, larger ears

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Motley/Brockle face
- Excessive white above the underline

Absolute Disqualifications

- Brindle
- Roans
- Smut or gray, white, smoky, silver or any combination of these
- Skunk tail

LIMOUSIN

Acceptable Breed Characteristics

- Must physically appear with breed characteristics of a Limousin
- Solid black, red/orange, light red, charcoal black, chocolate black, orange or brockleface
- Bald face
- Tend to be smooth shouldered

Head

- Eye – Deeper socket, prominent brow, light pigment around eye on reds
- Poll –Needs to have a wide poll
- Ear – Tends to be smaller and rounder
- Muzzle – Tends to be short

Sheath

- Tend to have a forward angle

Legs/foot

- Tend to be smooth jointed
- Tend to be flat boned

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Coarse joints, skeleton, and head
- Course open shoulders
- Brindle
- Pencil sheath, hanging straight down
- Pointed poll
- Excessive crest
- White Switch

Absolute Disqualifications

- Stocking legs
- Spotting above the underline
- Roans
- Yellow, Blonde, Grey, Silver
- Diluter Gene
- Red Cattle with Black noses
- Monkey/Parrot mouth

AOB ENGLISH

(Any Other Breed English including, but not limited to the following)

Red Angus

Acceptable Breed Characteristics

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a Red Angus
- Solid red (shades may vary)
- Polled
- A blond, light red, or mixed switch
- Cattle may have black hair on the tail, muzzle, face, neck, and legs

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Coarse joints (not to be confused with big boned cattle)
- Solid White Switch

Absolute Disqualifications

- Horns or scurs breaking through the skin
- White skin resulting in white hair above the underline or in front of the navel (white on navel is acceptable)
- White skin resulting in white hair on the leg
- Black pigmentation of the skin. Not to be confused with freckling on the nose or anus
- Roaning
- Dehorning scars or evidence of dehorning
- Black Noses

CROSS DIVISION

- Steers of any coloration pattern are acceptable