“SLICK–SHORN” MARKET BEEF STEER DIVISION

2016 MN STATE FAIR 4-H BEEF SHOW

NEW FOR 2016 - A “SLICK-SHORN” MARKET STEER DIVISION WILL BE ADDED TO THE MINNESOTA STATE FAIR 4-H BEEF SHOW

RULES FOR THE “SLICK–SHORN” MARKET STEER DIVISION:

Hair must be “slick shorn”, which includes the entire body and legs, with the exception of the switch. For Steers to qualify for the “Slick-Shorn” Division, they must be shorn to no more than ¼ inch on any location of the body, excluding the tail switch. Steers will be checked at time of Weigh-In for compliance with the hair length requirement, with hair no longer than ¼ inch uniform length at any location on the body, other than the tail switch. The tail switch can be no more than 12 inches above the end of the cartilage of the tail, and the tail switch may be ratted and balled, or bobbed off. Steers may be clipped after they arrive at the State Fair to meet the requirements, up until the time of Weigh-In. Any steer found not to be in compliance with the hair length rule at the time of the Market Beef Weigh-In will not be allowed to show in the “Slick-Shorn” Division, and will be placed in its original Division. All steers must meet ¼ inch hair requirement prior to Weigh-In on Wednesday. All decisions regarding eligibility for the “Slick-Shorn” Division that are made by the 4-H Beef Show Management will be final, and those decisions will not be subject to protest.

KEY POINTS REGARDING THE “SLICK-SHORN” MARKET STEER DIVISION:

- Market steers entered in the “Slick-Shorn” Division at the MN State Fair 4-H Beef Show do not have to meet the hair length requirement (listed above) until they cross the scale at entry time on the first Wednesday at the State Fair. It is permissible for exhibitors to clip the steers to meet this requirement after arriving at the State Fair.

- Market steers of all breeds and crossbreds are eligible for the “Slick-Shorn” Market Steer Division, including dairy beef cross steers that are not eligible for the Crossbred Dairy Steer Division. There will be no breed classes for this Division;
however, if there are adequate numbers, the steers in this Division will be shown in weight classes. Market Heifers are not eligible for the “Slick-Shorn” Division.

- The “Slick-Shorn” Division will be treated similar to all other Breed Divisions, Crossbred Divisions, and Market Heifers in the 4-H Market Beef Show. A Division Champion and Reserve will be named, and these steers will compete for Grand and Reserve Champion Market Beef. The Division Champion will have the opportunity to be in the 4-H Auction, if there are a minimum of 5 entries in the Division, as well as the Reserve Champion, if there are a minimum of 8 entries, provided that both steers receive a purple ribbon during the Market Beef Show.

- It is recommended that counties not offer a “Slick-Shorn” Market Steer Division at County Fairs, but rather make the option available to enter this Division at the time of State Fair entries. As mentioned earlier steers of all breeds and crossbreds are eligible for this Division, and exhibitors do not have to meet the requirements until they arrive at the State Fair.

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