MARKET STEER DIVISION

1. All entries in this department will be subject to the general rules and regulations and the Junior Livestock Auction rules.

2. The exhibitor will pay an entry fee of $6.00 per steer.

3. All calves must be owned, placed on feed and in the exhibitor's or their immediate family's possession in Jim Wells County by validation date.

4. All steers will be validated on Saturday, June 10, 2017, at the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Steers will be ear tagged and nose printed at validation. A qualified classification judge, at weigh-in, will classify steers on Tuesday, October 24, 2017.

5. Exhibitors will not be charged validation fees on the first three (3) head of market steers validated. Exhibitors may validate additional market steers at a cost of $5.00 per head. Validation fees must be paid at validation.

6. All steers must have an ear tag for show and sale. If a steer loses an ear tag, it must be replaced prior to check-in by division superintendent. Steer Superintendent must be notified immediately upon notice of lost tag.

7. All calves must be dehorned, halter broken and fitted to show. No breaking halters or nose tongs are permitted in the show arena.

8. Hair - Steers must be shorn to not more than ¼ inch on any location of the body, excluding the tail switch. Steers must be shorn before arrival onto the fairgrounds. No clipping will be allowed at the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds. Steers will be checked at weigh-in for ¼ inch length. Steers not shorn will be disqualified from showing.

9. There will be three (3) steer divisions. All entries in each division may be purebred or crossbred. Visible breed characteristics will determine eligibility for this classification. Each division will be broken into three weight classes with a Champion and Reserve Champion being selected. These champions will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion.

10. The superintendent will divide the entries in each division into light, medium, and heavy weight. The superintendent will decide the steer weight classes to his discretion.

11. Divisions are as follows:

A. American	At least one parent being Brahman, Brangus, Santa Gertrudis, Beefmaster or Simbrah
B. Exotic	At least one parent being Simmental, Maine-Anjou, Charolais, Limousin or Chianina
C. English	Both parents being either Horned or Polled Hereford, Red or Black Angus, Shorthorn or a cross of these breeds

12. Ownership of each project will be designated at the final weigh-in on Tuesday, October 24, 2017. All exhibitors must be ready to weigh-in between 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Minimum weight for steers will be 1000 pounds and maximum weight will be 1400 pounds. Steers under 1000 pounds and over 1400 pounds will be sifted.

13. All animals will be presented to a sifting judge. All steers must grade select or better.

14. Awards will be given to the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion.

15. All stalls and pens must be cleaned before 8:30 a.m. each morning and not allowed to remain in an unsightly or untidy condition. All animals must be in their stalls from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and from 8:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. unless being judged or being prepared for judging, have superintendent's permission, or going to sale ring. A committee will make inspections during the four days of the show, taking into consideration the following points; 1) Orderliness and cleanliness of animals; 2) Promptness in having stalls and pens clean by 8:30 a.m. each day and animals in their stalls from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except during sifting or judging or being prepared for judging; 3) Personal appearance of exhibitors; 4) Availability of exhibitors to furnish information about exhibit; 5) Observance of all rules and regulations of the fair; 6) Cooperating with show officials, other exhibitors and exhibiting an attitude of good sportsmanship in general; 7) Plants, flowers, lattice work and other decorations WILL NOT be taken into consideration for Herdsman Award; 8) The decision of the judges will be final.