



Market Holstein Calf Requirements

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Ownership Deadline: January 3, 2024

Entry Deadline: January 3, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. at <https://pinjrl.fairwire.com/>

Tag Day: January 6, 2024 & January 13, 2024 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.

Location: Pinal County Fairgrounds

Weigh In: March 12, 2024

1. MARKET HOLSTEIN CALF OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Calves must be Holstein or Holstein Cross. All calves must be bull calves. No heifers.

Calves are required to be a minimum of 100 days old at the time of receiving during the fair. This means calves must be born no later than **December 3, 2023**.

Market Holstein Calf projects must be owned by the exhibitor by **January 3, 2024**.

2. MARKET HOLSTEIN CALF EAR TAGGING REQUIREMENTS

Exhibitors must be present at ear tagging. Ear tagging will be done at the **PINAL COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS** on the above dates. Ear tagging of market Holstein Calf projects will **ONLY** be done at the designated locations and dates listed above.

Market Holstein calves **MUST** be dehorned and castrated **PRIOR TO ATTENDING** ear tagging. (For assistance with de-horning or castrating, please contact your project leader or a superintendent.)

HOLSTEIN CALF exhibitors must follow all ear tagging rules and requirements. Please see Section 2 – **Ear Tagging Rules and Regulations**.

3. CLASSIFICATION OF CALVES FOR SHOW

Breed Classification will be at the discretion of the Calf Superintendents. Upon crossing the scale at the fair, final breed classification will be called out by the superintendent. Exhibitors will have the opportunity to request reclassification by written petition no later than 8PM the day of the weigh in.

All market calves will be classified by breed and then by weight for judging at the Pinal County Fair. The following will be the breed classes used for classifying: Holstein, Holstein Cross.

Holstein Calves Breed Characteristics: Calves must be Holstein type and show their respective breed characteristics. (Holstein Breed color characteristics must be as follows: Black and White marking clearly defined, color markings which will **NOT** be acceptable- are solid black, black in switch, black belly, black encircling leg touching hoof, black from hoof to knee or hock, black and white intermixed to give color other than distinct black and white, no black baldies or reds.

Holstein breed character is defined as follows: angularity of body and legs, withers- sharp, neck-long and lean, clean cutthroat, dewlap and brisket, ribs-wide, flat and long, thighs-incurving to flat when viewed from the side.)

Holstein Cross Breed Characteristics: Holstein Cross calves must be defined with either white markings on bellies or legs.

4. MARKET HOLSTEIN CALF FAIR AND EXHIBITING REQUIREMENTS

Minimum weight requirement for market is 250 lbs. Maximum weight requirement for market is 375 lbs. Weight will be determined at official weigh-in. **MAXIMUM SALE WEIGHT OF 375 LBS.**

A 5% shrink will only be applied to animals weighing below the minimum 250 lbs. weight requirement. (Minimum weight with the shrink applied will be 237 pounds.)

Market Holstein calves shall be fed primarily with milk or a milk replacer for the feeding ration. Calves must be bottle or bucket fed during the fair. No nursing animals will be allowed on the fairgrounds.

Market Holstein calves must be manageable by the exhibitor at the time of weigh-in. No wet animals will be weighed in.

Showmanship techniques will be the same as for market beef classes. Grooming of calves will be similar to market beef. No slick shearing of animals will be allowed.

Superintendents will be verifying at receiving that castration is complete.

****HOLSTEIN CALF exhibitors will follow ALL HOLSTEIN CALF REQUIREMENTS and ALL Rules & Requirements of [Sections 1 through 8 of the PCJLC Market and Carcass Requirements found in the Rule Book](#)***