

Start to Finish – Market Steers

Start of Feeding Period: (February – June)

- Adequate, safe facilities
- Encourage 4-H families to develop a good relationship with veterinarian
- Vaccinate with 7way, tetanus, overeating, and other vaccines recommended by veterinarian
- Control internal and external parasites
- Begin feeding a grower ration(at least 2% of body weight) and free choice hay
- Clean water
- Feed in groups if possible
- Begin halter breaking and taming if not already broke
- Begin rinsing, washing, and blowing regimen
- Begin a regular feeding regimen ounce a day or twice a day
- Review all feed labels, medication labels, and additives to revisit with-drawl times
- Quality Counts – follow label directions on medication throughout the year

Mid-Season: (July – September)

- Adjust the amount of feed as needed to increase condition or fat cover
- The correct amount and type of feed varies at this time depending on breed and type of steer
- Continue free choice hay
- Control internal and external parasites(every 45-60 days)
- Revaccinate with overeating vaccine
- Continue rinsing and blowing regimen
- Begin training to show
- Flavor water or use filter to ensure good water drinking when hauling and at shows

Late Season: (October – January)

- Adjust feed as needed to obtain proper fat cover and weight gain
- Adjust type of feed to ensure proper fat cover
- Continue rinsing and blowing regimen
- Continue showmanship practice
- Begin exercise program
- Continue to check for external parasites to guard against rubbing and scratching
- Continue flavoring water or using filter to maintain good liquid consumption when hauling
- Water out of bucket to ensure comfort when hauling
- Feed individually in tub to develop comfort and habit before show season

Show Season: (January – March)

- Make sure Steers have adequate fat cover
- Adjust feed to monitor weight gain
- Continue skin and hair cleaning and conditioning after Fort Worth
- Continue to monitor external parasites
- Continue to practice showing and exercise