

Sample Questions

You will be asked 5 questions, these are examples of the kind of question you may be asked.

Market Steer & Heifer, Beef Feeder, and Breeding Beef

1. Calves can become unsound because of being postlegged. Describe the symptoms of a postlegged calf and why the symptoms that would cause the calf to become unsound.
2. Bloat is a common ailment in cattle. What is most often the cause of bloat and what are 2 ways you can treat it.
3. What are two highly heritable traits in beef cattle? (Over 50%)
4. What does the Expected Progeny Difference (EPD) figure indicate?
5. Energy is an essential nutrient for beef cattle. Name 3 feed ingredients high in energy.
6. When judging a beef carcass, where would fat thickness be measured?
7. Look at the feed tag shown here (by the moderator) and tell how long the medicated feed may be fed.
8. If the medication label direction permits subcutaneous injection or intramuscular injection, which would you chose and why.
9. When we talk about disposition in cattle, what do we mean?
10. Name three ways to identify cattle (how we know which are ours).
11. Explain what a "blind spot" is in cattle?
12. What is shipping fever and can it be prevented?
13. Explain the difference between a cow and a heifer or a bull and a steer.

Dairy Feeders (All of the above questions, plus those below)

1. What percentage of beef marketed each year in the U.S. are Holsteins or other dairy breeds?
2. Name two health problems that commonly affect young dairy feeder calves.
3. How soon after birth does a calf need colostrum and why?
4. What does weaning mean?
5. What is the weight range for dairy feeder calves at this fair?