

Market Steers August 2008

Placing 3-4-1-2

Cuts 2-3-4

I placed the class of market steers 3-4-1-2. In my top pair of heavier muscled steers, I placed 3 over 4. As 3 was the best combination of muscle shape, structural soundness, and market readiness. Furthermore, the eye appealing steer has the proper slope to his shoulder, possesses better angulations from stifle to hock and hock to ground, and stands with more flexibility to his pasterns. I admit that 4 is bolder made, yet he is a lower pinned, opened shouldered steer that would struggle in his motion.

Even so, in my middle pair of contrasting steers its 4 over 1. The black steer is a capaciously designed, deeper flanked, and more market ready steer. Additionally he possesses more muscle expression in the lower and center portions of his quarter. I grant that the shorthorn steer is well balanced from a profile but it ends there as he is shallower flanked, greener in his condition, and lacks the meat animal shape seen in 4.

In my concluding pair of steers, its balance and structure that places 1 over 2. 1 is a better balanced steer from a profile, being longer in his neck, more correct in his lines, and stouter about his bone. I realize 2 is a thick ended, big topped, and market ready steer. Yet, at the same time the red steer is the poorest balanced, finest boned, straightest shouldered and most structurally incorrect steer of the class.

Thank You,

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