

Prospect Steers

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Placing: 1-4-2-3

Cuts: 2-6-3

1-4-2-3 is my preferred alignment of this close top pair class of prospect steers. I started the class with a close top pair of steers who should finish out with the higher priced retail cuts. From there it's the smoke colored steer's overall muscle coupled with his soundness and balance that puts him in the number one place for me. To be more specific, as you study 1 from the ground up, he is the heaviest structured, widest based, and biggest bodied steer of the class. I admit 4 is a more up headed steer that is cleaner and more attractive when you view him on the profile. However, the shorthorn appearing steer was left second, as he gives up the overall muscle, thickness, and bone structure of my class winner.

In my intermediate pair, it's simply the design, composition and structure that put 4 over 2. 4 is near ideal in his general make up and design as here is the more extended steer that comes deeper from flank to flank, while being leveler out of his hip and setting down the sounder foot. Sure, 2 lays into his shoulder with more angularity and cushion, however this doesn't make up for the fact that he gives up the overall body, look, and design of my top pair.

The Hereford influenced steer beats 3 in my concluding pair as here is the more rugged boned steer that comes deeper from flank to flank while being more ideal in his feet and legs. Yes, 3 is more leveler hipped and more extended through his front one-third, however the black steer finds his way to the bottom as he gives up the balance, bone, and power to compete with any other in the class today.

Thank You,

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