Beef Interview Questions

Parts of a steer or heifer

What breed is your animal?

What do you feed your animal and how much? How do you determine how much to feed your animal?

Do you feed your animal any roughage, and what type?

What are the 3 types of injections? Can you show me where you would give your animal an injection?

What is "withdrawal time"?

Have you given your animal any medications? How were they administered? Were they to prevent or treat an issue?

What are signs of bloat?

Market specific questions:

What is the difference between quality grade and yield grade?

What are the different quality grades and which is better?

Which part of the steer do the more valuable cuts of meat come from?

What are some ways to tell if a steer is finished?

What is "dressing percentage"?

Breeding specific questions:

Is your heifer bred?

When was she bred and, based on that, when will she calve?

What is the gestation period for a cow?

What are things that you look for to pick a replacement heifer? (examples could be: feminine, good feet, good udder, straight back, track well when she walks. This wouldn't have to be a specific answer, but just to show they are thinking about what they would like to see in a cow.)

What is an EPD?

How are EPD's used in selecting a bull or a heifer?

What is the difference between a heifer, heiferette and cow?