



BEEF CATTLE

Check out the Youth Livestock Expo for another opportunity to show your livestock while at the Fair!

Superintendent: TBD
Phone: Agriculture Office
716-649-3900 Ext. 6499

EARLY ENTRY DEADLINE: Monday July 14, 2025

Beef Cattle Entry Fees: \$5.00 per class (including group classes)

Market/Prospect Animal Show: \$5.00 per entry

Late Entry Fee for Entries 7/14/2025 or after: \$15.00 per class (including group classes)
(the late fee is instead of the \$5 early entry fee, not in addition to)

Entries made on 8/1/25 or later must call the office at (716) 649-3900 ext. 6499

Erie County Fair Email: entries@ecfair.org

Join us in celebrating 2025 4H, FFA, & Youth Livestock Expo Champions at the Breakfast with Champions Event on Sunday, August 17th at 9:00am. \$27 tickets can be purchased at www.ecfair.org

BEEF SCHEDULE

<i>Arrival:</i>	6:00am-10:00am Thursday, August 14 th
<i>Check-in:</i>	Thursday, August 14 th at 10am-12pm Exhibitors (with animal registration papers) must be by their animals
<i>Exhibitor Meeting:</i>	Thursday, August 14 th at 5:00pm-ADC Wash Rack
<i>Showmanship (NO FIT):</i>	Friday, August 15 th 11:30am – Showplex
<i>Breeding and Market Show:</i>	Sunday, August 17 th at 12:30pm – Livestock Arena
<i>Judge:</i>	Ms. Terri Barber
<i>Release:</i>	Sunday, August 17 th at 6:00pm

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GENERAL BEEF CATTLE RULES

- 1) All exhibitors must purchase either a \$20.00 Exhibitor's wristband or a \$100.00 Erie County Agricultural Society Membership. If you do not bring your animals to the fair, you will not receive your exhibitor wristbands.
- 2) If more passes are needed for your help, \$12.00 one-day workers pass can be purchased (quantity may be limited).
- 3) All New York State Veterinarian decisions are final and supported by Erie County Fair Staff. Uncalled for behavior will not be tolerated and can result in forfeit of premiums and removal from fair.
- 4) Youth exhibitors may enter any animal in the Open Class department. However, when entering in the open class the youth must pay ALL appropriate fees; this includes the exhibitor wristband, entry fees, and late fees.
- 5) Entry fees do not guarantee "tack space/pens". In divisions where entries do not exceed available space "tack pens" will be assigned by the superintendent.
- 6) The management assumes no responsibility in case of loss or damage of stock or other exhibits from any cause; and upon this condition only, are entries accepted.
- 7) An official Registration Certificate must be shown on each animal (except crossbred). These will be checked for identification, ownership, and birth date.
- 8) Rules of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Standards for the Conduct of Agriculture and Markets for Fairs and Summary of Livestock Health Requirements shall apply.
- 9) Any animal that does not have a legible tattoo is ineligible to compete and will be barred from showing.
- 10) Any calf under 4 months of age may not be entered in any class for competition (except Class 14 in All Beef Breeds).
- 11) Initial sawdust bedding will be supplied to exhibitors. However, if exhibitors wish to have shavings, straw or bark they must bring it or buy it from a purveyor on the grounds. The Fair will not be providing straw, bark or shavings.
- 12) Exhibitors will be responsible to weigh their own market cattle but superintendent will be present at scale Thursday, August 14th 10am-12pm if exhibitor wishes to weigh then. All weights must be submitted to the superintendent no later than 12pm on Thursday, August 14th.
- 13) Showmanship will be offered. Sign up will take place at check in with the superintendent.
- 14) No changes to barn layouts unless approved by Show Management. Late entries will be accommodated in the best way possible.
- 15) Show Management will grant permission only for late arrival of animals being shown at a competing show which conflicts with above times. Early removal will result in forfeiture of premiums unless Fair management has granted permission to release animals.
- 16) The decision of the judge shall be final in all cases, except where error, mistake, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, not discovered at the time of the award, is proven. In such cases, the decision of Show Management, or such referee appointed shall be final.
- 17) Exhibitors may begin tying out their animals at 8 pm. Animals must be back in the barn by 10:30am.
- 18) Exhibitors must be at least 4 years of age to exhibit livestock at the Erie County Fair.
- 19) If you are planning on camping in the livestock lot, please note that payment does not guarantee a spot. You will be notified & refunded if camper lot is full.

Protest:

- a) Protests regarding any livestock competitions and events held by the Erie County Agricultural Society, during the Erie County Fair, in Hamburg, NY (Youth Livestock Expo & Open Class Livestock Shows) must be made in writing on the appropriate form (link here), plainly stating the reason for the complaint or appeal. This form along with a \$300 cash deposit must be submitted to the CEO of the Erie County Agricultural Society. The deposit shall be refunded **only** if the protest is sustained by the Erie County Agricultural Society CEO. If the protest is not sustained, the \$300 will be donated to the Erie County Agricultural Society scholarship fund.
- b) Classification and Judges opinion are not eligible for protest.
- c) Protests against the exhibition of animals shall be filed at least 3 hours before the start of the show that the animal/ exhibitor is being made against will show in.
- d) The CEO of the Erie County Agricultural Society may hold a meeting regarding the protest at which time the party making the protest may present evidence or argument in support of the protest.
- e) The written decision of the CEO of the Erie County Agricultural Society shall be final and shall be served by certified mail to the party making the protest within five days of the date on which the protest was heard.
- f) Exhibitors of animals at livestock competitions shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show.

RELEASE SCHEDULE

For your safety and the safety of the public the Erie County Fair has a release schedule. This program was designed to eliminate the congestion of trucks and trailers on the Fairgrounds during release times. Each exhibitor will receive a time slot and each time slot will be 30 minutes. You will only be allowed into the Fairgrounds with your truck and trailer for the time slot assigned. The exhibitor's that have the longest travel time will receive the earliest time slot. Multiple trips will also be considered. It is in each exhibitor's best interest to help each other load animals and tack.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Endowment Fund Award:

This award will be presented to a Holstein, Color Breed or Beef exhibitor. The award will be given to the exhibitor that best promotes the industry, through educational displays and communication with the public. The Endowment Fund Award will be judged by an anonymous person chosen by Show Management. Please note; this award is separate from the Herdsman Award.

A **Premier Exhibitor** Banner will be awarded to the exhibitor accumulating the most points on animals exhibited by him and shown in the individual classes. (Up to, but not to exceed 8 animals, no minimum number of head). Exhibitors will tally their own points on forms provided by Show Management. Results will be verified by Show Management.

A **Premier Breeder** Banner will be awarded to the exhibitor accumulating the most points on animals bred by him and shown in the individual classes. (Up to, but not to exceed 8 animals, no minimum number of head). Exhibitors will tally their own points on forms provided by Show Management. Results will be verified by Show Management.

Points for Premier Exhibitor and Premier Breeder shall be calculated as follows: 3 points for 1st place, 2 points for 2nd place, and 1 point for 3rd place. Also 3 points will be awarded for Grand Champion and 2 points will be awarded for Reserve Grand Champion. No points will be awarded for Divisional Champions or Reserve Champions. In the event of a tie the exhibitor with the points won by animals bred & owned in individual classes will be the winner.

Points for Premier Exhibitor and Premier Breeder (Herefords) shall be calculated as follows: 5 points for 1st place, 4 points for 2nd place, 3 points for 3rd place, 2 points for 4th place and 1 point for 5th place. No points will be awarded for champions. Points will be awarded for the Get of Sire and Breeder's Special for Premier Breeder. The same scoring system as above will be used for awarding points for the group classes.

Points for Premier Exhibitor and Premier Breeder (Simmentals) shall be calculated as follows: One point shall be given for each animal an individual placed above up to a maximum of 9 points to 1st place, 8 points to 2nd place and 7 points to 3rd place. (For example, a first place winner in a class of six animals shall receive 5 points.) Points shall be awarded to only the first three places in the class. Grand Champion shall receive 5 pts., Reserve Grand Champion, 4 pts., Division Champions, 3 pts., and Reserve Divisional Champions, 2 pts. In the event of a tie, the number of points shall be divided by the number of animals the points were derived from and the exhibitor/breeder having the higher point average shall be presented the award.

Beef Cattle Premium Schedule

# Of Entries in Class	Placings														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1	\$43.75														
2	\$46.25	38.75													
3	\$48.75	41.25	33.75												
4	\$50.00	42.50	25.00	27.50											
5	\$55.00	47.50	40.00	32.50	25.00										
6	\$60.00	52.50	45.00	37.50	30.00	22.50									
7	\$65.00	57.50	50.00	42.50	35.00	27.50	20.00								
8	\$66.25	62.50	55.00	47.50	40.00	32.50	25.00	17.50							
9	\$75.00	67.50	60.00	52.50	45.00	37.50	30.00	22.50	17.50						
10	\$77.50	69.50	62.50	55.00	47.50	40.00	32.50	23.75	20.00	17.50					
11	\$80.00	72.50	65.00	57.50	50.00	42.50	35.00	25.00	22.50	20.00	17.50				
12	\$82.50	75.00	67.50	60.00	52.50	45.00	37.50	30.00	25.00	21.25	20.00	17.50			
13	\$85.00	77.50	69.50	62.50	55.00	47.50	40.00	32.50	25.00	22.50	21.25	20.00	17.50		
14	\$86.25	78.75	71.25	63.75	56.25	48.75	41.25	33.75	26.25	25.00	22.50	21.25	20.00	17.50	
15	\$87.50	80.00	72.50	67.50	60.00	52.50	45.00	37.50	30.00	25.00	22.50	21.25	20.00	18.75	17.50

BREEDING SHOW:

DIVISIONS:

ANGUS
HEREFORD
LIMOUSIN
MAINE ANJOU

SHORTHORN & SHORTHORN PLUS (Will Show Together)
SIMMENTAL
ANY OTHER REGISTERED BREEDS
CROSSBREDS

****Heifers and Bulls will show in alphabetical order based on breed with AOB and Crossbreds at the end****

All breeds in Any Other Breed will show together. However, in the event there is enough of a particular breed to warrant a breed show, breed classes will be created at that time. All breeds will show under the same rules, classes and premiums. Animals must be registered with their National Breed Association, see rule #7 (except section Crossbreds & Steers).

****ALL Breeds MUST have a minimum of 6 head to have a breed show, otherwise they will show in the ANY Other Registered Breed division.**

Class

1. **Junior Heifer Calves** – born after 1/1/2025 and must be over 4 months of age
2. **Senior Heifer Calves** – born between 9/1/24 and 12/31/24
Champion and Reserve Champion Heifer Calf

5. **Late Summer Yearling Heifers** – born between 7/1/24 and 8/31/24
6. **Summer Yearling Heifers** – born between 5/1/24 and 6/30/24
7. **Spring Yearling Heifers** – born between 3/1/24 and 4/30/24
8. **Junior Yearling Heifers** – born between 1/1/24 and 2/28/24
9. **Senior Yearling Heifers** – born between 9/1/23 to 12/31/23
- 9a. **Two Year Old Heifer** – born before 9/1/23 (registered Highlands only)
Champion and Reserve Champion Yearling Heifer
Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Female

14. **Cow and Calf** - calf born in 2025
Champion and Reserve Champion Cow & Calf

17. **Junior Bull Calves** – born after 1/1/2025 and must be over 4 months of age
18. **Senior Bull Calves** – born between 9/1/24 and 12/31/24
Champion and Reserve Champion Bull Calf

21. **Late Summer Yearling Bulls** – born between 7/1/24 and 8/31/24
22. **Summer Yearling Bulls** – born between 5/1/24 and 6/30/24
23. **Spring Yearling Bulls** – born between 3/1/24 and 4/30/24
24. **Junior Yearling Bulls** – born between 1/1/24 and 2/28/24
25. **Senior Yearling Bulls** – born between 9/1/23 and 12/31/23
Champion and Reserve Champion Yearling Bull

28. **Two-Year-Old Bulls**– born between 1/1/23 and 8/31/23
Champion & Reserve Champion Two Year Old Bull
Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Bull

33. **Breeder's Special** - 2 head, any age, either sex, shown in above classes, bred and owned or co-owned by exhibitor (all the same breed)
34. **Erie County Fair Special** – 3 head, any age, either sex, shown in above classes, all bred, 1 owned (all the same breed)
35. **Get-of-Sire** - 3 animals by one sire, both sexes represented, shown in above classes
36. **Produce of Dam** – 2 head, any age, either sex, progeny of one dam
(Group class premiums will be paid to the exhibitor who enters the class)

Supreme Champion Female (\$50.00 and Banner will be awarded) & Reserve Supreme Champion Female (Banner will be awarded). Grand & Reserve Champion Females from each breed will be asked to come back into the ring to compete.

Supreme Champion Bull (\$50.00 and Banner will be awarded) Reserve Supreme Champion Bull (Banner will be awarded). Grand & Reserve Champion Bulls from each breed will be asked to come back into the ring to compete.

Supreme Champion Cow & Calf Pair (\$50.00 and Banner will be awarded) & Reserve Supreme Champion Cow Calf Pair (Banner will be awarded). Champion & Reserve Cow & Calf pairs from each breed will be asked to come back into the ring to compete.

The Clayton C. Taylor Memorial Award will be awarded to the 1st place Senior or Junior Get-of-Sire in the Angus breed. In the event that there is no competition in the class, the award will be given to the Champion Bull or Champion Female in the Angus breed.

MARKET ANIMAL SHOW:

CLASS #1 & 4 PREMIUMS \$21.25 \$17.50 \$15.00 \$12.50 \$10.00 \$7.50

1. Market Steer/ Market Heifer Show

Champion Market Steer/ Market Heifer = \$150 Reserve Champion Market Steer/ Market Heifer = \$75
Shown by weight. Animals must weigh over 1000lbs to be eligible for the Market Show.

4. Prospect Steer/ Prospect Heifer Show

Champion Prospect Steer/ Heifer= \$150 Reserve Champion Prospect Steer/ Heifer = \$75
Must be over 4 months of age.
Shown by weight. Animals must *not* weigh over 1000lbs to be eligible for the Prospect Show.
All Prospect Steers must be already cut/ banded.

SHOWMANSHIP:

There will be a showmanship show on Friday. Exhibitors can sign up at the Fair with the beef cattle superintendent during listed check in times. There will be no entry fee charged or premiums awarded. Grand & Reserve Champion will be chosen & given awards. The class breakdown is as follows:

- Adult Showman – 22 years old and older
- Senior Showman – 17-21 years old
- Intermediate Showman – 13-16 years old
- Junior Showman – 9-12 years old
- Pee Wee Showman – 4-8 years old
- Novice Showman (first time showman) – 4-21 years old

HERDSMANSHIP:

Three Herdsmanship awards will be given out to exhibitors.

1st place: \$62.50 and a banner

2nd place: \$37.50

3rd place: \$18.75

Fair & Show Management will judge the exhibitors daily on the following criteria:

- Stall decorations should tie to the theme. This year's theme will be "Sights, Sounds, Tastes and Feels of the Fair".
- Cleanliness & neatness of aisles, pens, bedding and animals.
- Promptness in getting animals into the show ring and competence in show ring.
- Courtesy to fellow breeders, spectators and others during the exhibit.
- Personal appearance, including neatness and cleanliness of clothing in and out of the show ring.
- Systematic and neat arrangement of feed, feed pans, bedding, tack, etc.