

# 2024 SHOW RULES



- **Online entries are now excepted. To enter online, go to the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds website and fill out the form. Entry fees are to be mailed in by check or paid for over the phone with a card. Credit card fees will be applied.**
- Cattle may arrive any time after **8 a.m. on Friday, March 22.**
- All livestock enters through **gate 10. Gate 2** can be used from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Barn space and camping are available on a first come first serve basis. Trailer showing is an option with a \$25 refundable deposit (refunded upon release inspection). **Portable generators are welcome outside of the barns.**
- The show is governed by official show flyer, entry form, MCCA rules, MCA points program rules, and the following:
- The shows will begin at 9 a.m. Breeds will follow in alphabetical order.
- Showmanship divisions: Novice (7 & under), Junior (8-11), Intermediate (12-16), and senior (17-21). Showman must be **21 years of age and under as of January 1, 2024.**
- Showmanship will happen on Saturday, March 23 after the Ozark Spring Round Up Show. \$15 to enter. Entry fees will be jackpotted to the winners.
- Breeds with 5 or more entries from 2 or more exhibitors will have a breed division - breeds with less than 2 exhibitors or less than 5 total head will still show in their respective breed but breed champion prize may not be awarded
- Breeds recognized with MCA and MCCA will receive points in their division and organization.
- **Breeding Heifers:** A heifer may be shown in heifer show if it falls between September 2022-November 2023. All purebred heifers must show proof of papers/registration at check-in or will be shown crossbred. All heifers will show by breed and age. Percentage heifers may be shown in only one breed.
- **Market Cattle:** Must be born in 2023. Steers and market heifers will be shown by breed and weight. Market cattle will have **no weigh backs.** All purebred market cattle must show proof of papers/registration at check-in or will be shown crossbred. All weighs must be taken during scheduled weighing time.
- Cattle must be entered, registered and shown by the same individual. Exceptions will include only showman who become sick or injured the day of the show or exhibitors who have two or more animals per class.
- No fitting of animals in an unethical fashion will be tolerated. No attaching hair, or other hair like foreign substitutions for the purpose of deception. Drenching or filling animals internally is prohibited unless permission was granted by show officials.
- Any and all animals will be subject to veterinary examination and **out of state cattle must show health papers at check-in.** All animals must follow State of Missouri Health Requirements.
- **Bedding is not provided,** Ozark Empire Fairgrounds feed barn will be open 8a.m. - 4 p.m. daily to purchase shavings, hay, and straw on site. Arriving on the grounds after 4, please call the feed barn before arrival.
- Show management reserves the right to interpret the rules or make any decision regarding the show deemed necessary in the best interest of the event.
- All cattle will be released at the conclusion of their respective breeding or market show.
- Cooking in the barns with open flame is prohibited.
- No Smoking in barns.