

BEEF CATTLE

Department 2

Check-In

Wednesday, 12 - 7 p.m., Pavilion 2 - Near Door 21

Market Class Weigh-in

Wednesday, 5 - 7 p.m., Pavilion 2 - Near Door 21

Mandatory Parent and Exhibitor Meeting
Thursday, July 17, 8 a.m., Showing

Judging

Thursday, 9 a.m., Pavilion 2 - Showring A, Conference -
Danish Judging

Class H Market Beef
Class J Showmanship
Classes A - G and I Beef Breeding

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Eligible 4-H Project Areas

Animal Sciences - Beef

Beef market steers and heifers are limited to one weigh-in per animal at check-in. No wet animals will be weighed.

Please reference the Meat Animal Sale page for sale regulations.

****NO BARK WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ANIMAL BEDDING****
****EXHIBITORS MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN BEDDING****

*All exhibitors **MUST** enter Showmanship in the species they exhibit at the DCF. Exhibitors who are not entered in showmanship will automatically be entered prior to the Fair. If an exhibitor does not wish to participate in showmanship, they can scratch on-site at the Fair.*

Regulations

1. All County Fairs Rules and Regulations of Animal Health applicable to cattle (outlined in the front of this Premium Book) must be met.
2. All County and District Fair Wisconsin Administrative Code Regulations applicable to cattle (outlined in the front of this Fair Book) must be met.
3. All exhibitors must read and adhere to the Youth Animal Exhibitor Code of Practice as stated on page 13.
4. All beef animals must be checked by a veterinarian at the Veterinarian Check-in at the northeast side of Pavilion 2 on arrival before going to their stalling locations.
5. **All animals need official I.D.** Heifers: tattoo; Market Beef: RFID tags. The last four digits of these I.D. tattoos and RFID tags must be listed on your fair entry form.
6. In order to be eligible for entry and show, **all market beef must be RFID tagged and weighed** on the designated Dane County Beef Weigh-In Day. If tag is lost, exhibitor must contact the Department Chair to report the missing tag(s).
7. **All beef exhibitors (heifer and steer) must meet YQCA requirements. Youth must complete a training program each year by either attending an in-person session or completing an online course.** Visit <https://www.danecountyfair.com/p/youth-exhibitors/education-requirements--opportunities/livestock-departments> for more information. Exhibitors must also attend one additional beef educational qualifying meeting. The

- beef education requirement form must be on file with the Fair Office by **June 1. **NEW THIS YEAR** Youth must provide YQCA Certificate number and Education Card uploaded in FairEntry by June 1, with entry submission.** Should you have any questions on what events qualify or to confirm you have met the stated requirements, contact the Dane County Fair Entries at entries.danecountyfair@gmail.com. NO exceptions will be made.
8. Animals in the championship drive, both market animals and breeding stock, will be evaluated for the top five placings.
 9. ****NEW THIS YEAR**** All species using scales must have the scale readings visible for the exhibitors to view.
 10. All beef exhibits must be in place by 7 p.m., Wednesday.
 11. All beef animals must be housed in the Beef Area of Pavilion 2. All stalls will be assigned by the superintendents.
 12. All exhibitors are responsible for the general housekeeping and clean-up in their area. Livestock exhibitors must clean-up after their animals and immediately dispose of waste in an appropriate manner. Please provide your own tools and equipment for clean-up. No common water tubs. **No floor fans allowed in aisles in Pavilion.** Fans must be securely attached. No cords intended to be in place all week are allowed on the floor. No wheelbarrows should be left with manure. No feed pans or water buckets should be left in pens with animals during the day. **ALL FITTING CHUTES MUST BE REMOVED BY 8 a.m. FRIDAY.**
 13. **No portable misting or sprinkler systems may be used.** Discretion by Superintendents and Fair Administration will be used based on weather conditions.
 14. All animal entries must have the provided Dane County Fair animal information card displayed with their animal's information. No farm advertising is permitted in the youth animal exhibit area.
 15. All animals exhibited must be the result of beef project work that has been signed up for through the County Extension Office, FFA Chapter (exhibitor is listed on County Extension Office or on FFA records as a project member), or junior breed association.
 16. Exhibitor is limited to a total of five (5) animals in the Junior Beef Department with not more than three (3) steers or Beef Market Lot animals. Exhibitor may enter only one animal per lot in the breeding classes.
 17. Managerial breeding stock is allowed. A managerial animal is an animal that is under the daily care of, but not owned by, the exhibitor. The animal must comply with the beef project requirements of the organization under which the participant is exhibiting the managerial animal.
 18. All purebred junior calves, senior heifer calves, summer yearling heifers, junior yearling heifers, senior yearling heifers and cows must be registered in the exhibitor's name before **May 1** of the exhibit year to be shown on an ownership basis. Registration papers shall be submitted to the beef superintendent at check-in.
 19. All animals must be shown by the project member unless special permission, to do otherwise, is given by the superintendent in charge.
 20. In pair classes and cow-calf classes, additional handler must be a current year Beef project member.
 21. In breeding stock, if the breed characteristic includes horns, they **must** be capped while on grounds.
 22. **BREED CLASSIFICATION**
ANGUS: Registration papers from the American Angus Association must show parentage to be 100% registered Angus.
HEREFORD: Registration papers from the American Hereford Association must show parentage to be 100% registered Hereford.
SHORTHORN: Registration papers from the American Shorthorn Association must indicate that the animal is of 15/16 Shorthorn parentage or higher. These registration papers are red.
SIMMENTAL: Registration papers from the American Simmental Association must indicate that the animal is 7/8 Simmental parentage or higher.
ANY OTHER BREED HIGH PERCENTAGE: Registration papers from respective breed associations, must indicate the animal is 75% or greater of respective breed parentage. Does not include Angus, Hereford, Shorthorn or Simmental breeds.

ALL BREEDS LOW PERCENTAGE: Registration papers from respective breed associations for animals that do not meet the above listed criteria for those breeds (Shorthorn less than 15/16, Simmental less than 7/8 and all other breeds less than 75%)

CROSSBRED: Animals not meeting the above requirements or without registration papers will be considered unregistered and will be shown in the crossbred class.

23. Base Dates:

Junior Calf: Born on or after January 1, 2026. Must be 4 months day of show

Senior Calf: Born on or after Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, 2025

Summer Yrlg: Born on or after May 1 - Aug. 31, 2025

Junior Yearling: Born on or after Jan. 1 - April 30, 2025

Senior Yearling: Born on or after Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, 2024

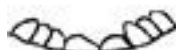
Market Beef Regulations

- Steer or market animal ownership must be established as of January 1 of the exhibit year. All steers or market animals must be owned by the exhibitor.
- All steers will be mouthed.

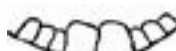
Typical mouth of calf at various ages:



a. 18 Months - Eight temporary incisors. Eligible to show and sell.



b. 22 Months - Two temporary incisors lost and being replaced by permanent teeth. Refer to Meat Animal Sale regulations or requirements. This animal would be disqualified (not allowed to sell) from the Meat Animal Sale, but allowed to show.



c. 26 Months - Two permanent incisors in place. Permanent incisors are about three times the size of temporary incisors. This animal would not be allowed to show or sell. If you are not sure of your calf's age, check its teeth before coming to show.

- No horns longer than 1" allowed on market steers.
- Steers will be divided into groups within lots by weight (groups will be determined by superintendents after they are weighed). The groups will be posted in the Beef area of Pavilion 2.
- If 16 or more animals are entered in a breed lot, the lot may be divided into two or more equal groups at the discretion of the beef superintendent. If one exhibitor has two steers in the same weight group, he/she can still show both having one entry advanced to the next weight group.
- If two or more animals are entered under the same lot number, each animal must be entered separately (example Class H, first animal Lot 1 - 1; second animal Lot 1 - 2).

Premiums	Blue	Red	White	Pink
Junior Heifer Calf	\$9.00	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$5.00
Senior Heifer Calf	\$11.00	\$9.00	\$7.00	\$5.00
Summer Yrlg Heifer	\$11.00	\$9.00	\$7.00	\$5.00
Jr. Yearling Heifer	\$11.00	\$9.00	\$7.00	\$5.00
Sr. Yearling Heifer	\$11.00	\$9.00	\$7.00	\$5.00
Cow (age 2 & over)	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$5.00
Pair of Calves	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00
Market Beef	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$5.00
Showmanship	\$3.00	\$2.50	\$2.00	\$1.50
Herdsmanship Award	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00

All animals must list last 4-digits of I.D. tattoo or RFID ear tag on entry form.

CLASS A. Black & Red Angus

- Junior Heifer Calf (must be 4 months of age to show)
- Senior Heifer Calf
- Summer Yearling Heifer
- Junior Yearling Heifer
- Senior Yearling Heifer
- Beef Cow (age 2 and older) with calf born after January 1st of the current year

CLASS B. Hereford

- Junior Heifer Calf (must be 4 months of age to show)
- Senior Heifer Calf
- Summer Yearling Heifer
- Junior Yearling Heifer
- Senior Yearling Heifer
- Beef Cow (age 2 and older) with calf born after January 1st of the current year

CLASS C. Shorthorn

- Junior Heifer Calf (must be 4 months of age to show)
- Senior Heifer Calf
- Summer Yearling Heifer
- Junior Yearling Heifer
- Senior Yearling Heifer
- Beef Cow (age 2 and older) with calf born after January 1st of the current year

CLASS D. Simmental

- Junior Heifer Calf (must be 4 months of age to show)
- Senior Heifer Calf
- Summer Yearling Heifer
- Junior Yearling Heifer
- Senior Yearling Heifer
- Beef Cow (age 2 and older) with calf born after January 1st of the current year

CLASS E. Crossbred

Includes beef crossbred and beef-dairy crossed females

- Junior Heifer Calf (must be 4 months of age to show)
- Senior Heifer Calf
- Summer Yearling Heifer
- Junior Yearling Heifer
- Senior Yearling Heifer
- Beef Cow (age 2 and older) with calf born after January 1st of the current year

CLASS F. Any Other Breed (Purebred, Percentage, registered entries only)

- Junior Heifer Calf (must be 4 months of age to show)
- Senior Heifer Calf
- Summer Yearling Heifer
- Junior Yearling Heifer
- Senior Yearling Heifer
- Beef Cow (age 2 and older) with calf born after January 1st of the current year

CLASS G. Low Percentage Animals

- Junior Heifer Calf (must be 4 months of age to show)
- Senior Heifer Calf
- Summer Yearling Heifer
- Junior Yearling Heifer
- Senior Yearling Heifer
- Beef Cow (age 2 and older) with calf born after January 1st of the current year

CLASS H. Market Beef

- 1) Dairy Market Steer (*sire AND dam are dairy breeds*)
- 2) ****NEW THIS YEAR**** Dairy/Beef Crossbred Market Steer (*sire OR dam must be a dairy breed*)
- 3) Angus Market Steer
- 4) Hereford Market Steer
- 5) Shorthorn Market Steer
- 6) Simmental Market Steer
- 7) Beef Crossbred Market Steer
- 8) Any Other Breed High Percentage Market Steer (does not include any crossbred)
- 9) All Breeds Low Percentage Market Steer
- 10) Market Heifer: Any heifers shown in the market class are ineligible to be shown in breed heifer classes.

CLASS I. Feeder Steers

- 1) Feeder Steers (**coming in 2027 - no entries allowed for 2026.**
Corresponding lots will be listed in 2027 Premium book.)

CLASS J. Pair of Calves

- 1) Pair of two females (shown by one exhibitor in two age lots or breeds)
- 2) Pair of steers (shown by one exhibitor in two weight lots or breeds)

CLASS K.

Best Club Group - CLUB/CHAPTER ENTRY ONLY

- 1) A club group in this class shall consist of four animals of any breed that have been regularly entered and exhibited by their club in the Fair by at least three different exhibitors. The animals may be either heifers, steers or a combination. Each club group is limited to one entry of four animals. Premiums given to top 5 clubs as follows: First: \$6, Second: \$5, Third: \$4, Fourth: \$3, Fifth: \$2.

CLASS L. Beef Showmanship

Regulations

An entry into Class K: Showmanship specifically, is required. Automatic entries are not made. Exhibitor must show their own exhibited animal from previous listed classes. Animal may be steer or heifer. Score card used by Judging Showmanship Contest (total 100%):

Fitting animals	30%
Showing own animal	40%
Ring manner/appearance	20%
Showing other animals	10%

Lots:

- 1) Grades 3 - 5
- 2) Grades 6 - 8
- 3) Grades 9 - 10
- 4) Grades 11+

CLASS M. Beef Herdsmanship (Clean Barn) Award

CLUB/CHAPTER ENTRY ONLY

Club/chapter must make separate entry into this class to be considered.

Regulations

Awarded on a club basis. Chapters and clubs are judged on how well they keep their animals, alleys, feed, wash racks, between barns, etc. in a neat and orderly fashion. Entry by club only. Award will be based on:

1. The cleanliness and neatness of livestock exhibit.
2. The attractiveness of feed, bedding and equipment storage.
3. The immediate disposal of waste.
4. The cleanliness and neatness of aisles. **Chores must be done and all animals out of the aisles by 9 a.m. daily during the Fair.**
5. Safety and courtesy of club members to each other, leaders, superintendents, judges and spectators.
6. Added consideration will be given to groups with all identification cards and award stickers posted.

Lot:

- 1) Herdsmanship Exhibit

Special Awards and Sponsorships

The WPHA Women-Pollettes: Awards to the top showperson of Polled Hereford cattle in the 4-H, FFA Organizations, and Junior, Intermediate and Senior groups.

Horstmeyer Family: Best Rate of Gain Market Steer

Pauli Family and Hoffman Farms at Windsor LLC: Showmanship Awards

Scott Construction, Inc.: Award for Champion of each Beef Showmanship age grouping and to overall breed champions.

Miller & Sons Supermarket: All ribbons. Rosettes for Reserve Champions in Showmanship and Breed Championships.

Breed Championship: Open to 1st place blue ribbon winners. 2nd Blue is held at ringside, if that class's 1st Blue animal is selected, then the 2nd Blue shall become eligible. Award to Champion and rosette to Reserve Champion. Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Female and Steer (selected from all breed champions) Champion and Reserve Champion Female (each breed) Champion and Reserve Champion Steer (each breed)

Herdsmanship Award Sponsors: Chadwick Angus, Hull Blackstone Cattle Co., Huston Farms, David & Trina Pauli & Family, and Strasburg Angus - Andy & Amy