



# 2024 Market Beef

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## Judge:

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Open Livestock Show for another  
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Fair!

## YLF Market Beef Schedule:

**DNA Submission Deadline:** July 1<sup>st</sup>  
**Early Entry Deadline:** July 12<sup>th</sup> (\$25 per head)  
**Late Entry Deadline:** Submitted July 13<sup>th</sup> - August 1<sup>st</sup> (\$50 per head)  
**Stalling:** Barn 5 & ADC  
**Arrival:** August 13<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am-11:00pm &  
August 14<sup>th</sup>- 6:00am-10:00am  
**Check-In & Weigh-In:** August 14<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am -Barn 5  
**Show:** August 15<sup>th</sup>- 11:30am – Showplex  
**Contests:** August 15<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am – Barn 2  
**Grand Drive:** August 16<sup>th</sup> – 8:00pm – Showplex  
**Breakfast With Champions:** August 17<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am – Clubhouse  
**Auction:** August 17<sup>th</sup> – 11:30am – Showplex Arena  
**Release:** August 18<sup>th</sup> - 6:00pm

Join us in celebrating 2023 & 2024 4H, FFA, & Youth Livestock Expo Champions at the Breakfast with Champions Event on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. \$27 tickets can be purchased at [www.ecfair.org](http://www.ecfair.org)

## Rules & Regulations:

1. Exhibitors are required to purchase a \$20.00 wristband. Wristbands are valid for single person admission each day of your stay. If you do not bring your livestock to the fair for any reason, you will not receive your exhibitor wristbands.
2. Exhibitors entered in the Youth Livestock Expo must be at least 4 years of age and no older than 21 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
3. All youth exhibitors from the United States and Canada are invited to enter in the Youth Livestock Expo. Please know that all youth (including 4-H and FFA) must pay appropriate fees.
- NEW!** 4. 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.
5. Stalling will be preassigned. Tack pens are NOT guaranteed. In divisions where entries do not exceed available space tack pens will be assigned by the superintendent.
6. All animal waste must be taken to the manure boxes and not left on the pavement to mix with run-off or storm water.
7. Initial sawdust bedding will be supplied to exhibitors. However, if the exhibitor wishes to use shavings or straw, they must bring it or buy it from a purveyor on the grounds. The Fair will not provide straw or shavings.
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. **Please read all Rules & Regulations, IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and the Animal Health Requirements.** Exhibitors will be required to “click to agree” when making online entries.
10. All Market Beef must weigh at least 1,000 pounds at official weigh-in and must be born after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year.
11. All exhibitors are **required** to participate in **at least 2** contests during their stay at the Youth Livestock Expo, although we encourage exhibitors to participate in multiple contests. (See contest information for more details).
12. There is no limit to the number of animals entered per exhibitor, but each animal may compete for only one premium.
13. The exhibitor of the animal MUST be the owner of the animal at time of DNA submission.
14. DNA Validation Envelopes must be submitted for each animal by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

15. Once DNA has been submitted on the animal that is entered in the YLE, the animal is not to be shown anywhere in any other exhibitor's name until final show day in August.
16. Once DNA is submitted the animals entered in YLE must not have gone through a sale or changed ownership.
17. At the scale all animals will be classified and broken into divisions based off breed characteristics livestock will be classified by the classification committee made up of three classifiers appointed by Show Management. If an animal does not meet breed classification, it will move to the appropriate division by the classification committee. The judgment of the classification committee is final and not subject to protest. Please keep in mind, registration paper, breeder affidavits, or other paperwork is not considered in the classification process. Eligibility for the class is determined only by visual appraisal, as evaluated by classifiers appointed by Show Management.
18. 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.
19. In order to show showmanship or the market classes, the exhibitor MUST have an animal entered in the Youth Livestock Expo under their name.
20. Showmanship is mandatory to participate in the Youth Livestock Expo.
21. **NOT** mandatory but we highly suggest entering the Erie County Fair Open Livestock Shows as well as some species may already be here during your stay or you may choose to extend your stay by entering those shows.

### Contests:

1. Each exhibitor MUST compete in at least two contests (one speaking **and** one creative) in addition to their animal showing (market & showmanship) to participate in the Youth Livestock Expo.
2. To avoid long wait times, each exhibitor will be required to sign up ahead of time for each contest they want to participate in.
3. If special accommodations are needed, please let show management know at earliest convenience and before the start of fair.
4. There will be Top 5 Sweepstakes Winners selected. Once all contests are complete and judges' results are in, the points will be tallied. Exhibitor's overall points will consist of their highest market points, highest showmanship points and highest single contest points. *(Example: John Doe has 10 Market Goat Points, 8 Market Lamb Points, 8 Goat Showmanship Points, 10 Lamb Showmanship Points, 5 Marketing Points, and 20 Interview Points. The final sweepstakes points for John Doe will come from his market goat, lamb showmanship, and interview for a total of 40 points.)*
5. Contest tie breaker will be exhibitors' total points from all contest. (Those who compete in more than two contest will have a greater chance of winning the tie breaker).
6. Payouts for Sweepstakes
  - a. Grand Champion- \$100 and a Banner
  - b. Reserve Grand Champion- \$75 and a Banner
  - c. Honorable Mention- \$50 and a Banner
  - d. 4<sup>th</sup> Overall- \$25 and a Banner
  - e. 5<sup>th</sup> Overall- \$15 and a Banner
7. Overall Sweepstakes winners will be announced on Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in the Showplex Arena.
8. Contests available: (must select at least one from each list)

### Speaking

- a. Interview - Each exhibitor will "interview" for a job with a panel of judges. (jobs will be provided at the start of the contest).
- b. Marketing Contest- Each exhibitor will be required to market their animal to a panel of judges. Please do not bring your animal to the contest, however photos and marketing materials are encouraged. (This contest would be highly recommended for exhibitors ages 4-10).
- c. Ag Issues – Each exhibitor will choose one topic from their respective age division listed below, or may bring an age appropriate topic of their choice. Exhibitors are to come prepared by having done research on the pros and cons of that ag issue and be prepared to present both sides of the issue to a panel of judges. Exhibitors will be scored on their ability to explain and argue both sides of the ag issue. Exhibitors are allowed to bring supporting documents, props or materials, but are not required to do so.

Topics:

Peewee – Is showing livestock as important as school or sports? Why?, Farm Safety, Animal Nutrition

Junior – Animal Rights, Livestock Genetics/ Breeding, Agricultural Technology

Intermediate – Environmental Issues, Consumer Awareness, Soil Biologicals and Carbon Emission  
Senior – Food Security, Cover Crops, Government Mandates and Regulations

### **Creative**

- a. Decorative Animal Name Tag - Using the theme “Carnival Fun” exhibitors are asked to decorate a name tag. These name tags must be no bigger than 23”x27” and must include the animals name, weight, and breed and must be handmade by the exhibitor using any type of material and props. Get creative! Please have name tags delivered **to Barn 2 by Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:45am** and labeled with the participants name on the front.
- b. Educational Poster- This poster should be related to the species you are showing (if showing multiple, take your pick). Judging for this contest will take place at Barn 2, posters **must** be there **by Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 am**. Please have posters labeled with the participants name on the front. Posters will be delivered back to the exhibitors stall at the conclusion of judging.
- c. Photography - Each exhibitor should supply a creative photo that **they** have taken of their animal throughout the project. You must enter the contest at the time of entering your animal. Once entered the photos will be due by August 1<sup>st</sup>. (Show management will not send any reminders or notifications of due date, if photo is not emailed by end of day August 1<sup>st</sup> exhibitor will be automatically disqualified from the contest and must sign up for another creative contest if they aren’t already). They should be emailed directly to [bwerner@ecfair.org](mailto:bwerner@ecfair.org).

### **Herdsmanship:**

Three Herdsmanship awards will be given out to the beef exhibitors. Herdsmanship will be judged daily by management, but not announced until the end of the stay. Awards are 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$50, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$25, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$15.

#### **The following criteria will be considered for Herdsmanship judging:**

1. Cleanliness & neatness of aisles, pens, bedding, and animals.
2. Stall decorations will be included in the overall herdsmanship score. Make sure to tie with the theme “Carnival Fun”.
3. Promptness in getting animals into the show ring and competence in show ring.
4. Courtesy to fellow breeders, spectators, and others during the exhibit.
5. Personal appearance, including neatness and cleanliness of clothing in and out of the show ring.
6. Systematic and neat arrangement of feed, feed pans, bedding, tack, etc.

### **Tack Vendor:**

Twist of Fate Tack Shop will be on site during the duration of the Erie County Fair. Reach out to them with your supply order! Phone: 860-759-9335.

### **Auction:**

1. There will be 3 auction slots per species. One slot is guaranteed to the highest placing NY exhibitor. The other two slots go to the highest placing animals from any state (including NY). Exhibitors have the option to opt out of the sale, if that happens sale slots open up to the next highest place through 10<sup>th</sup> place.
2. If you are one of the three listed animals above, you have the option of selling your animals. The exhibitor must notify the Youth Livestock Expo staff of their decision to sell or not immediately following their participation in the Grand Drive.
3. 6% commission will be taken out of the checks on all animals sales for the Youth Livestock Expo for expenses.

### **Scholarships:**

The Erie County Agricultural Society pledges 2 opportunities for youth to win a \$10,000 scholarship. If an exhibitor wins 3 of the 4 Champion Market Animal Titles they will be awarded a \$10,000 scholarship. Also, if an exhibitor wins 3 of the 4 Champion Showman Competitions, they will be awarded a \$10,000 scholarship.

### **Release Schedule:**

For your safety and the safety of the public the Erie County Fair has a release schedule protocol. 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 for release. Release times are given in 30-minute intervals. You will only be allowed into the Fairgrounds with your

truck and trailer for that increment of time. The exhibitor's that have the longest travel time will receive the earliest time slots. Multiple trips will also be considered. It is in each exhibitor's best interest to help each other load animals and tack. **Arrangements must be made with the YLE Cattle Superintendent prior to show day.**

### **DNA:**

1. All Youth Livestock Expo Market Animals must have DNA samples submitted to the Erie County Fair Agriculture Offices by appropriate deadlines. **All DNA validation envelopes will be species specific and color-coded.**
2. All DNA must be post marked by July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. The YLE is not responsible for lost or misdirected mail.  
**Certified mail with return receipt is recommended.**
3. Hair will be used for DNA validation on all species. DNA Validation envelopes must be ordered from the Erie County Agricultural Society office. Only 2024 YLE DNA Validation envelopes will be accepted. Please follow the instructions for collecting hair samples exactly. Should the original sample not be a valid sample, the animal may be disqualified, and no monies will be paid.
4. There is no limit on the number of DNA samples that an exhibitor may submit.
5. Animals must be individually identified. The following forms of identification must be used. The identification on the animal must exactly match the identification on the DNA validation envelope.
  - a. Market Swine- must be identified by a federal 840 tag number and ear notches. Official ID's must start with 840 and must have the US shield on them.
  - b. Market Steers/Heifers- must be identified by a Federal 840 tag number.
  - c. Lambs must be identified by a scrapie ID number\* and individual tag number. Entire ID number including state ID and herd/flock number\*\* is required.
  - d. Goats must be identified by a scrapie ID number\*. Entire ID number including state ID and herd/flock number\*\* is required.

**\*Since scrapie tags can occasionally be lost, it is recommended that you also tattoo the lamb or goat and record the tattoo number on the front of the DNA envelope.**

**\*\*Scrapie tag numbers vary greatly; however, each tag will include a state identified, herd number and animal number. The scrapie tag number on the DNA envelope must include the entire ID number as listed about and must EXACTLY match the number on the scrapie tag at check-in.**

6. Any discrepancies at check-in will be the responsibility of the exhibitor and the animal may be disqualified from the show. Should additional DNA testing be allowed (only if approved by show officials and determined on an individual bases), the cost to the exhibitor will be \$150 payable immediately by cash or credit card only. After testing is completed, any exhibitor showing an animal without a matching DNA sample will be subject to consequences determined by YLE management, including but not limited to, disqualification of animal, forfeiture of all monies, and suspension from showing at the Youth Livestock Expo.
7. Siblings (two or more individuals have one common parent) may submit DNA samples on the same animal if all siblings are involved in the care and management of the animal. Names and signatures of each sibling must appear on the DNA Validation Envelope when it is submitted. Siblings may submit DNA samples on the same animal but may not enter the same animal in the show. All DNA Validation Envelopes from the same family should be sent in the same envelope.
8. DNA provides proof of ownership. Except for the sibling rule above, market animals can only have DNA submitted by one exhibitor. If multiple DNA samples are received for the same animal by multiple exhibitors, the animal and the exhibitors may be disqualified from the show.
9. DNA validation does not constitute an entry in the 2024 Youth Livestock Expo. Regular entry procedures must be followed; early entry deadline is July 12th. Visit [www.ecfair.org](http://www.ecfair.org) for more details on entering.
10. Should there be any missing information on your 2024, YLE Validation Envelope for any reason, there will be a \$10.00 reprocessing fee.

**Note: DNA Validation Envelopes/ hair samples submitted to the Youth Livestock Expo on all junior market animals become property of the Youth Livestock Expo. Exhibitors relinquish any claim to said envelopes and samples when**

submitted as proof of ownership. Validation envelopes/samples are stored in a secured environment and are destroyed in due time following the show.

### *Divisions:*

#### **Market Divisions**

*\$25 Early Entry Fee / \$50 Late Entry Fee (per head)*

##### **Market Heifers**

##### **Market Steers- *Classified at the scale (see rule # 16)***

*Class Payouts: \$50/\$40/\$30/\$20/\$10*

*Division Payouts: \$100/\$75*

Grand Champion - \$1000 and Banner

Reserve Grand Champion - \$750 and Banner

Honorable Mention - \$500 and Banner

Fourth Overall - \$300 and Banner

Fifth Overall - \$200 and Banner

#### **Cattle Showmanship Divisions**

*\$10 Entry Fee*

##### **Pee-Wee Showman (Ages 4-8)**

##### **Junior Showman (Ages 9-12)**

##### **Intermediate Showman (Ages 13-16)**

##### **Senior Showman (Ages 17-21)**

*Class Payouts: \$50/\$40/\$30/\$20/\$10*

*Division Payouts: \$100/\$75*

Grand Champion Showman- \$1000

Reserve Grand Champion Showman- \$750

### *Youth Livestock Expo Junior Market Beef Entry Checklist:*

- ☐ Order DNA Validation envelopes from the Youth Livestock Expo
- ☐ Read DNA Validation Rules & Guidelines
- ☐ Collect hair sample(s) following detailed instructions enclosed with DNA Validation Envelopes.
- ☐ Review each DNA Validation Envelope to ensure all information is completed:
  - ☐ Animal ID
  - ☐ Exhibitor(s) Name
  - ☐ Email and Phone Number
  - ☐ Exhibitor(s) Signature- all siblings named must sign
  - ☐ Parent/Guardian Signature- required for all junior exhibitors
- ☐ Include all DNA Validation Envelopes from the same family in one envelope and mail to:  
Youth Livestock Expo  
Attn: Agriculture Office  
5600 McKinley Parkway  
Hamburg, NY 14075
- ☐ Post-marked no later than July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year
- ☐ Find link to make official entries at [www.ecfair.org](http://www.ecfair.org). Show early entry deadline is July 12th.
- ☐ Submit and pay for all entries online no later than August 1<sup>st</sup> (late entry deadline).

**Note: DNA Sample submission does not constitute entry into the 2024 Youth Livestock Expo Show. Regular Entry procedures must be followed.**