

DEPARTMENT U • JUNIOR BEEF CATTLE SHOWS
September 12 & 13, 2026
Sponsored in part by the WNC Beef Commission

Superintendent: Will Thompson

Entry Deadline: August 28, 2026 ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY, UNTIL 11:55 pm - NO EXCEPTIONS

Location: Gate 1, McGough Covered Arena

Check-in/Unloading: All Junior Beef check-in: September 12, Saturday 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Judging: Showmanship: September 12, Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Open Junior Feeder Steer Show September 13, Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Open Junior Beef Heifer Show September 13, Sunday after Open Junior Feeder Steer Show

WNC District Show will run concurrently with the Open Junior Show

Release: After the conclusion of show

SCOTTY COCHRAN MEMORIAL JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP SHOW
Showmanship is Open to ALL Junior Beef Exhibitors

UA100 Beginner (Non-competitive youth 8 and under) (Trophy)

UA101 Novice (Youth under 8 years old) *

UA102 Junior Showmanship (ages 9 - 13) *

UA103 Senior Showmanship (ages 14 - 18) *

UA104 Senior Plus Showmanship (ages 19 - 21) *

UA105 WNC Dairy Steer Project (ages 8 - 13) *

UA106 WNC Dairy Steer Project (ages 14 - 18) *

PREMIUMS \$10 per exhibitor
 (*Buckle for 1st Place)

OPEN JUNIOR BEEF SHOWS

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE OPEN JUNIOR BEEF SHOWS

1. Open to any youth in the world to exhibit.
2. **Exhibitors must be 21 years of age and under as of January 1 of the current year.**
3. Animals must be free from disease; steer and feeder calves must be hornless.
4. All animals must be shown at halter.
5. If an exhibitor has more than one animal in a class, the second entry may be shown by an exhibitor approved by the show superintendent.
6. Each exhibitor must assume all liability in the case of death or injury to his/her livestock.
7. In any case where questions arise that are not covered specifically by these or the following rules, the decision of the superintendent will be final.
8. The Health Regulations of the Veterinary Division of the N.C. Department of Agriculture will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under "Rules & Regulations of the Livestock Division" before entering. Animals cannot be unloaded until checked in.
9. There is no entry fee for the Open Junior Beef Shows.
10. AOB Show is designated for breeds that are not listed as a Breed Show or for breeds not having enough animals to constitute a Breed show.
11. **Got to Be NC tags must be present for eligibility in Got to Be NC Champion Drive.**
For tags go to <https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/marketing/livestock>
12. **Tattoos may be verified to Registration Certificate. A legible tattoo must be present on ALL registered cattle.**

OPEN JUNIOR STEER SHOWS

1. Each exhibitor is limited to two (2) entries per class.
2. Steers should weigh between 350 and 1500 pounds. Steers will be divided into classes by weight after all entries have been weighed and checked in, with no more than 10 entries per class. Steers weighing under 350 or over 1500 may be shown but will not be eligible to participate in the Championship Class.

CLASS

- UB401 Individual Open Feeder Steer - Weight between 350 - 750 pounds
****Grand Champion** Open Junior Feeder Steer
****Reserve Grand Champion** Open Junior Feeder Steer
****Got to Be NC Champion Open Junior Feeder Steer (Sponsored)**
****Got to Be NC Reserve Champion Open Junior Feeder Steer (Sponsored)**
- UB402 Individual Open Market Steer - Weight between 751 - 1500 pounds
****Grand Champion** Open Junior Market Steer
****Reserve Grand Champion** Open Junior Market Steer
****Got to Be NC Champion Open Junior Market Steer (Sponsored)**
****Got to Be NC Reserve Champion Open Junior Market Steer (Sponsored)**

PREMIUMS	1 st Place \$50	2 nd Place \$40	3 rd Place \$30	4 th Place \$25	5 th Place \$22
	6 th Place \$17	7 th Place \$17	8 th Place \$17	9 th Place \$17	10 th Place \$17

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OPEN JUNIOR BEEF HEIFER SHOW

1. Exhibitors are expected to have been involved with the care of animals entered prior to the show.
2. Classes will be divided by their date of birth. Classes within a given breed may be combined dependent upon the number of entries.
3. Heifers must be registered with their respected breed association to show in a breed show. Non-registered beef heifers will show in the Commercial division.
4. If there are less than three total heifers entered and exhibited in any breed show, there will be no classes offered, nor ribbons awarded for that breed. Those heifers will be eligible to show in the AOB Show.
5. Each exhibitor is limited to three (3) entries per breed.

BREED CODES:

Angus - AN	Charolais - CH	Galloway - GA	Hereford - HF
Percentage Simmental - PS	Red Angus - RA	Shorthorn - SH	Simmental – SM
All other Breeds - AOB	Commercial - XX		

CLASS	AN	CH	GA	HF	PS	RA	SH	SM	AOB	XX
Mar. 1, 2026 and after	UC501	UC511	UC521	UC531	UC541	UC551	UC561	UC571	UC581	UC591
Jan. 1 - Feb. 28, 2026	UC502	UC512	UC522	UC532	UC542	UC552	UC562	UC572	UC582	UC592
Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, 2025	UC503	UC513	UC523	UC533	UC543	UC553	UC563	UC573	UC583	UC593
Sep. 1 - Oct. 31, 2025	UC504	UC514	UC524	UC534	UC544	UC554	UC564	UC574	UC584	UC594
Jul. 1 - Aug. 31, 2025	UF505	UC515	UC525	UC535	UC545	UC555	UC565	UC575	UC585	UC595
May 1 - Jun. 30, 2025	UC506	UC516	UC526	UC536	UC546	UC556	UC566	UC576	UC586	UC596
Mar. 1 - Apr. 30, 2025	UC507	UC517	UC527	UC537	UC547	UC557	UC567	UC577	UC587	UC597
Jan. 1 - Feb. 28, 2025	UC508	UC518	UC528	UC538	UC548	UC558	UC568	UC578	UC588	UC598
Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, 2024	UC509	UC519	UC529	UC539	UC549	UC559	UC569	UC579	UC589	UC599
Sep. 1 - Oct. 31, 2024	UC510	UC520	UC530	UC540	UC550	UC560	UC570	UC580	UC590	UC600

- *Grand Champion Junior Heifer (per breed)
- *Reserve Grand Champion Junior Heifer (per breed)
- *Got to Be NC Champion Junior Heifer (per breed)
- *Got to Be NC Reserve Champion Junior Heifer (per breed)
- **Supreme Champion Junior Heifer
- ** Reserve Supreme Champion Junior Heifer
- ***Supreme Got to Be NC Champion Junior Heifer (Sponsored)
- ***Supreme Got to Be NC Reserve Champion Junior Heifer (Sponsored)

PREMIUMS	1 st Place \$50	2 nd Place \$40	3 rd Place \$30	4 th Place \$25	5 th Place \$22
	6 th Place \$17	7 th Place \$17	8 th Place \$17	9 th Place \$17	10 th Place \$17
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WNC DISTRICT JUNIOR SHOWS

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE JUNIOR BEEF SHOWS AND SALE

1. The Junior Beef Shows and Sale are sponsored by the Western North Carolina Beef Commission. The Western North Carolina Beef Commission will sponsor ribbons and trophies, unless so stated in this book. Additional premiums and classes may be offered by the Western North Carolina Beef Commission in addition to what is presented by the NC Mountain State Fair.
2. Any youth in the counties of western North Carolina, west of and including Avery, Burke, Rutherford, Polk, McDowell, Cleveland, Caldwell, Watauga Counties, are eligible to exhibit - or approved by Superintendent.
3. The Health Regulations of the Veterinary Division of the N.C. Department of Agriculture will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under "Rules & Regulations of the Livestock Division" before entering. Animals cannot be unloaded until checked in.
4. All animals must be shown at halter.
5. If an exhibitor has more than one animal in a class, the second entry may be shown by an exhibitor approved by the show superintendent.
6. Each exhibitor or buyer must assume all liability in the case of death or injury to his/her livestock.
7. In any case where questions arise that are not covered specifically by these or the following rules, the decision of the WNC Jr. Beef Show Rules Committee will be final.
8. In the Feeder Steer, Market Steer, and Heifer Shows, first place will return to compete for Grand Champion with the second-place class winners standing by for Reserve Champion competition. In the event the first-place class winner is not eligible for, or withdraws from, the Championship class, the second and third place winners will participate as stated.
9. NC Mountain State Fair will pay class premiums placing 1st - 5th for WNC District Junior Feeder Steer, WNC District Junior Market Steer, WNC District Junior Beef Heifer Show.

WNC DISTRICT JUNIOR FEEDER STEER SHOW

1. Each exhibitor is limited to two (2) entries.
2. All calves must be shown at halter.
3. Only steer calves without horns are eligible.
4. Calves must weigh between 350 and 750 pounds. (Calves will be divided into classes by weight after all entries have been weighed and checked in.) Calves weighing under 350 or over 750 may be shown but will not be eligible to participate in the Championship Class.
5. There will be no sale associated with the Junior Feeder Steer Show.
6. **Got to Be NC Tags Must Be Present for Eligibility in the Got to Be NC Champion Awards.**
For tags go to <https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/marketing/livestock>
7. The WNC Dairy Steer Project Show is a terminal show.

JUNIOR FEEDER STEER

CLASS

UD101 WNC Dairy Steer Project

UD103 Individual Feeder Steer

Got to Be NC Champion Junior Feeder Steer

Grand Champion Junior Feeder Steer

Reserve Champion Junior Feeder Steer

PREMIUMS 1st Place \$25 2nd Place \$22 3rd Place \$18 4th Place \$15 5th Place \$10

WNC DISTRICT JUNIOR MARKET STEER SHOW AND SALE

1. Exhibitors are expected to be involved with the care of the animals prior to the show.
2. Each exhibitor is limited to (2) two entries.
3. All steers in the show must be less than 24 months of age.
4. Entries will be divided by weight into classes.
5. First place in each class will return to compete for Grand Champion, with the second-place winners standing by for Reserve Champion competition.
6. **Got to Be NC Tags Must Be Present for Eligibility in Got to Be NC Champion Awards.**
For tags <https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/marketing/livestock>

JUNIOR MARKET STEERS

CLASS

UE201 Individual Market Steer

Got to Be NC Champion Junior Market Steer

Grand Champion Junior Market Steer

Reserve Champion Junior Market Steer

PREMIUMS 1st Place \$30 2nd Place \$25 3rd Place \$20 4th Place \$15 5th Place \$10

WNC DISTRICT JUNIOR BEEF HEIFER SHOW

1. Exhibitors must have been the primary caretaker of the heifer(s) entered in his/her name for at least 60 days prior to the show date.
2. The Health Regulations of the Veterinary Division of the N.C. Department of Agriculture will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under "Rules & Regulations of the Livestock Division" before entering. Animals cannot be unloaded until checked in.

3. Classes will be divided by their date of birth. Classes within a given breed may be combined, dependent upon the number of entries.
4. Heifers must be registered with their respected breed association to show in a breed show. Non-registered beef heifers will show in the Commercial division.
5. If there are less than three heifers total entered and exhibited in any breed show, there will be no classes offered, nor trophies awarded for that breed. Those heifers will be eligible to show in the commercial or AOB class.

BREED CODES

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Mar. 1, 2026 and after	UF301	UF311	UF321	UF331	UF341	UF351	UF361	UF371	UF381	UF391
Jan. 1 - Feb. 28, 2026	UF302	UF312	UF322	UF332	UF342	UF352	UF362	UF372	UF382	UF392
Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, 2025	UF303	UF313	UF323	UF333	UF343	UF353	UF363	UF373	UF383	UF393
Sep. 1 - Oct. 31, 2025	UF304	UF314	UF324	UF334	UF344	UF354	UF364	UF374	UF384	UF394
Jul. 1 - Aug. 31, 2025	UF305	UF315	UF325	UF335	UF345	UF355	UF365	UF375	UF385	UF395
May 1 - Jun. 30, 2025	UF306	UF316	UF326	UF336	UF346	UF356	UF366	UF376	UF386	UF396
Mar. 1 - Apr. 30, 2025	UF307	UF317	UF327	UF337	UF347	UF357	UF367	UF377	UF387	UF397
Jan. 1 - Feb. 28, 2025	UF308	UF318	UF328	UF338	UF348	UF358	UF368	UF378	UF388	UF398
Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, 2024	UF309	UF319	UF329	UF339	UF349	UF359	UF369	UF379	UF389	UF399
Sep. 1 - Oct. 31, 2024	UF310	UF320	UF330	UF340	UF350	UF360	UF370	UF380	UF390	UF400

PREMIUMS	1st Place \$20	2nd Place \$18	3rd Place \$15	4th Place \$12	5th Place \$10
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PREMIER JUNIOR BEEF EXHIBITOR AWARD

The NC Mountain State Fair will reserve the right to present an award at the conclusion of the Junior Beef Shows to the Junior Beef exhibitor that excels in total herdsman ship, showmanship, and total sportsmanship. Class placing will not be a determining factor. Entry is made in this class by everyone showing in the Junior Beef Show. Judging will be done during the entire show. Total demeanor of the exhibitor will be taken into consideration for this award.

