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## Open Beef Cattle – Department A02

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**\*\*Register Early. Space is limited to the first 100 beef cattle\*\***

All exhibitors are expected to be familiar with and follow all expectations covered at the beginning of this guide: Topics include:

1. **Exhibit Guide: Use only this year's guide. Follow the schedule listed on page 1.**
2. **Method of Registration:**
  - a. **online at <http://nwsfa.fairwire.com>**
  - b. Payment is required to complete registration.
  - c. A registration worksheet with fee details is available on the website.
  - d. Premise ID, YQCA and other required paperwork may be collected as part of the registration process.
  - e. By registering to exhibit at the Fair you authorize the use of your image (photo, audio, or video) for NWSF advertising and marketing.
3. **Perks of Registering**
4. **Exhibit Tags**
5. **Registration: Changes, Additions, Substitutions and Refunds.**
6. **Exhibit Arrival / Drop-Off:**
  - a. **All health or DATCP required paperwork must be presented to the Department Leaders prior to unloading any animal.** Purebred animals may be asked to show registration papers.
  - b. Display a printed information card over each stall or pen used for your animals. Some items which fairgoers may want to know include the name, breed, and age of each animal.
7. **Judging: DATCP allows classes with low entry numbers to be merged into an 'any other' class at the time of judging. And for large classes to be split into heats. The decision of the certified judge is final.**
8. **Premiums & Ribbons**
9. **Parking & Entry to the Grounds**
10. **Removal of Exhibits**
11. **Camping**
12. **Leadership Structure**
13. **Ethics for Non-Animal Exhibits (Open 14–28 & Junior 10–33) Show respect to everyone.**
14. Guidelines for Livestock Exhibits — Open (01–11) & Junior (01–13)
15. Ethics for livestock exhibits Open 01-11 & Junior 01-13 .
16. NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS – I.A.F.E.
17. Liability Information

**Items specific to this department exhibitors agree to:**

- A. A fee of \$10 per head is required. This fee also determines the number of animals eligible for stalling assignments.
- B. Exhibitors must be Wisconsin residents.
- C. Proof of ownership must be provided upon request.
- D. Health paperwork is NOT required for this species.
- E. Upon request provide full pedigree, post office address, the name, age, sex, breed, description, and animal registration number to the Department Leaders.
- F. Respect the decision of Agricultural Leadership regarding Blue-ribbon exhibitors from Junior Fair being allowed to carry over to show in open class for ribbon only, IF approved by the Department Leaders and IF space allows.
- G. Beef classes will be split into heats if more than 10 animals are registered or at the discretion of the judge.
- H. When the "Any Other Breed" class, includes 7 animals of one specific breed, it may become its own Division.

**Age Definitions per DATCP, ATCP 160.07(1):**

- **Individual Classes - Beef cattle.**
  - (a) A junior calf is one born on or after January 1 of the exhibit year. The calf shall be at least 4 months old at the time of the exhibition.
  - (b) A senior calf is one whose date of birth is between September 1 and December 31 of the year preceding the exhibit year.
  - (c) A summer yearling is one whose date of birth is between May 1 and August 31 of the year preceding the exhibit year.
  - (d) A junior yearling is one whose date of birth is between January 1 and April 30 of the year preceding the exhibit year.
  - (e) A senior yearling is one whose date of birth is between September 1 and December 31 of the second year preceding the exhibit year.
  - (f) A 2-year-old or older cow is one born before September 1 of the second year preceding the exhibit year and which has calved during the past year.
- **Group Classes for Dairy and Beef**
  - (a) ... A **beef** junior get of sire shall consist of 3 animals which are the offspring of the same bull and are animals in the junior calf, senior calf, or the summer yearling, bull, and heifer classes, with both sexes to be represented.
  - (b) A dairy and beef senior get of sire shall consist of 3 animals which are the offspring of one sire. All these animals shall be 2 years of age or over. In either a dairy or beef breed get of sire, the name of the sire shall be designated by the exhibitor. The animals need not be owned by a single exhibitor.
  - (c) A produce of dam shall consist of 2 animals of any age or sex which are the produce of one cow.
  - (d) A group of 3 best female cattle shall consist of 3 animals of any age which were bred and are owned by the exhibitor.
- Show order: 1) Bulls, 2) Cow/Calf, 3) Heifers, 4) Group Classes, 5) Market Steers, 6) Showmanship

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Division A: Registered Purebred Angus	Division E: Registered Purebred Simmental
Division B: Registered Purebred Hereford	Division F: Registered Purebred Miniature Breeds
Division C: Registered Purebred Shorthorn	Division G: Any other Registered Breed
Division D: Registered Shorthorn Plus	Division H: Commercial

<b>Open Beef Class # - Description</b>	<b>Premium</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>
1. Bull calf, junior (on or after 1/1 this year)		\$11	\$9	\$7	\$5
2. Bull calf, senior (9/1 to 12/31 of prior year)		\$11	\$9	\$7	\$5
3. Bull, summer yearling		\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
4. Bull, junior yearling		\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
5. Bull, senior yearling		\$14	\$12	\$10	\$8
<b>Champion Bull, any age</b>		<b>Ribbon</b>			
<b>Reserve Champion Bull, any age</b>		<b>Ribbon</b>			
6. Heifer calf, junior (on or after 1/1 this year)		\$11	\$9	\$7	\$5
7. Heifer calf, senior (9/1 to 12/31 of prior year)		\$11	\$9	\$7	\$5
8. Heifer, summer yearling (May-Aug prior year)		\$14	\$12	\$10	\$8
9. Heifer, junior yearling (Jan-Apr prior year)		\$14	\$12	\$10	\$8
10. Heifer, senior yearling (Fall 2 years prior)		\$16	\$14	\$12	\$10
11. Cow, over 2 years old		\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
12. Cow and offspring		\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
<b>Champion Female, any age</b>		<b>Ribbon</b>			
<b>Reserve Champion Female, any age</b>		<b>Ribbon</b>			
<b>Overall Female:</b>					
<b>Supreme Champion Beef Female</b>		<b>Banner</b>			
<b>Reserve Supreme Champion Beef Female</b>		<b>Banner</b>			
<b>Division I: Group Classes</b>					
13. Get of sire		\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
14. 3 Best Females		\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
15. Produce of Dam		\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
16. Pair of calves-1 bull/1 heifer		\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
<b>Grand Champion Beef Group</b>		<b>Rosette</b>			
<b>Division J – Market</b>					

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<b>Class # - Description</b>	<b>Premium</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>
1. Feeder Calf Steer (under 17 weeks)		\$11	\$9	\$7	\$5
2. Summer Yearling Steer		\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
3. Junior Yearling Steer		\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
<b>Champion Market Steer</b>		<b>Ribbon</b>			
<b>Division K: Showmanship</b>		<b>Ribbon Only</b>			
1. Open Beef Showmanship					