

BEEF-DEPARTMENT A
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Department Superintendent and Co-Superintendent

Section 1 - BEEF CATTLE
RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All entries and fees should be **entered in the online FairEntry System by July 01, 2026**. Paper forms can still be submitted, if absolutely necessary, but must be at the fair office by close of business on July 01, 2026. Make checks payable to the Rockingham County Fair Association. Refunds will only be made with a veterinarian's signed statement.
2. No bull over 1 year of age will be allowed in the ring without a nose-lead.
3. All cattle must be secured in a stall with halter and necktie at all times. (NO EXCEPTIONS).
4. **Barn superintendents will be checking in cattle from 5:00-6:00pm on Sunday, August 9th and from 12:00-1:00pm on Monday, August 10th at the South end of the heifer barn (close to the show ring). Cattle MUST be checked in by 1:00pm on Monday.** All registered cattle born prior to January 1, 2026 must have registration papers. All registered cattle born after January 1, 2026 must have either registration papers or a copy of their application for registration papers. Any cattle not having valid registration/application papers will be shown in the commercial show.
5. Only cattle being shown in recognized classes will be permitted in the beef barn. Animals for exhibit may be permitted in the beef section with prior approval of the livestock department chairman.
6. Only two animals per exhibitor will be allowed per class. Where there is no competition and first place ribbon is awarded, second place prize money will be given.
7. Any animal, which in the opinion of the livestock chairman constitutes a hazard, must be removed from the grounds.
8. **NO FITTING. Cattle will be shown clean and groomed, but not fitted.**
9. **Showmanship will be voluntary for Junior Beef exhibitors.** Showmanship will start at **9:00 AM Friday morning**. Entries will be divided into three classes as follows:
 - (1) Experienced - 4 or more years experience with any beef type animals anywhere.
 - (2) Junior – 2 or 3 years of showing experience with any beef type animals anywhere.
 - (2) Novice – First year of showing experience with any beef type animals anywhere.
10. The rules and regulations to qualify as a Junior showman for the Beef Cattle Department will be the same for all JUNIOR LIVESTOCK. Juniors must be a bonafide Rockingham County 4-H or FFA member.
11. Animals shown in the Junior show must be owned and registered solely in the name of the exhibitor. (No transfer papers will be accepted). The bonafide 4-H or FFA member in whose name the animal is entered, must also be the one to show the animal. In the event that this is not possible, another junior member may be permitted to show the animal.
12. The **Junior/Open Cattle Show** will be judged on **Friday morning at 9:00 AM**. **The Pee Wee Showmanship and Old Timers Showmanship will take place around 2:00pm or at the end of the breed that being exhibited at that time.**
13. The Junior and Open Everett Terry Herdsman Awards will be given on Saturday to an open and junior exhibitor showing the best all around quality of a good sport, the cleanliness of his or her show area, and the willingness to help his or her fellow show person. The recipients of these awards will be chosen by a selected committee. The awards are sponsored by the Everett Terry Family.
14. ALL Livestock exhibitors must have their cattle on the grounds and unloaded by **12:00 PM Monday; NO EXCEPTIONS.**
15. **All cattle and tack must stay in place until 9:00 PM Saturday. Between 9:00 PM – midnight Saturday cattle and tack must be loaded on the camper side of the barns. No trucks can back up to the barn until after midnight Saturday. Cattle/tack can stay until Sunday.**
16. **One** entry per exhibitor will be allowed to show in the Cow-Calf class. Only calves born between 1/1/26 and 6/1/26 and shown in Open or Junior classes are eligible to enter.
17. **Entry Head Limits:**
 - a. There will be a limit of six (6) animals per exhibitor/registered owner.
 - b. Junior Exhibitors may enter six (6) animals per breed up to two (2) different breeds with a maximum of twelve (12) head that number would include commercial heifers.
18. Lights will be turned out in the beef barn at 11:00 PM; no sleeping in the barn will be allowed.
19. Personal fans will be allowed but must be moving air in the same direction as the permanently installed fans.
20. There is a minimum of 6 head (combined male and female) requirement in order to qualify for an individual breed show. Breeds not meeting the 6 head minimum will be shown in the All Other Breeds Division.
21. Out of county exhibitors participating in the open show will only be allowed if space is available.

ANY AND ALL GENERAL RULES OF THE ROCKINGHAM COUNTY FAIR APPLY TO ALL EXHIBITORS.
CHECK GENERAL RULES FOR HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

PREMIUMS TO BE PAID ARE AS FOLLOWS:

		1 ST - \$18	2 ND - \$15	3 RD - \$12	4 TH - \$9	5 TH - \$6
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Junior Beef – Department A
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Section II – Beef Cattle

Rules and Regulations

The Junior Livestock Show will be held on Thursday beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The same rules listed for Section 1 – Beef Cattle will be used for Junior Livestock Exhibitors. Class listings and premiums will be the same for all beef cattle, open and junior shows.

The Alice Bowman Award is presented annually to the Supreme Grand Champion Heifer and Bull of the Junior Livestock Show. A monetary award is presented to each winner by the family of Alice Bowman, a dedicated mother and fair supporter.

The Lester Estep Award is sponsored by the family and presented to the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of the Cow/Calf Division of all breeds. A monetary award is given to the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion.