

# 2026 Tulelake Butte Valley Fair

## BEEF & DAIRY CATTLE

### Department 11

ENTRY DEADLINE:	For breeding animals: August 3, 2026; For market steers & replacement heifers: Friday, May 1, 2026
Delivery of Exhibits, Date and Time:	Tuesday, September 8 <sup>th</sup> , 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday, September 9 <sup>th</sup> , 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.; must be in place by 1 p.m.
Release date & Time	Sunday, September 13 <sup>th</sup> beginning at 7 p.m.

**BE SURE TO REVIEW ALL STATE AND LOCAL RULES**

Entry Fees:	\$8.00 per CLASS for breeding animals; \$25 for market steers; \$35 for replacement heifers
Limit:	Two Entries Per Class Per Exhibitor
Type of Judging:	American
Eligible Exhibitors:	Adult California/Oregon Residents

*Premiums Offered per Class*

1 <sup>st</sup> place	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	3 <sup>rd</sup> place
\$40	\$30	\$15

## **Open Beef** **(19 years old & older)**

Animals entered in the Open divisions may NOT be entered in any other division

### **Dept. 11 Division 100 Registered- All Breeds Judged Together**

- Class 1 Junior calf, female- Jan 1 to Aug 10, 2026
- Class 2 Senior calf, female- Sept 1 to Dec 31, 2025
- Class 3 Spring yearling, female- Jan 1 to Apr 30, 2025
- Class 4 Summer yearling, female- May 1 to Aug 31, 2025
- Class 5 Senior yearling, female- Mar 1 to Dec 31, 2024
- Class 6 Junior calf, bull- Jan 1 to Aug 10, 2026
- Class 7 Senior calf, bull- Sept 1 to Dec 31, 2025
- Class 8 Spring yearling, bull- Jan 1 to Apr 30, 2025
- Class 9 Summer yearling, bull- May 1 to Aug 31, 2025
- Class 10 Senior yearling, bull- Mar 1 to Dec 31, 2024
- Class 11 Pair of females
- Class 12 Get of Sire- four animals, both sexes to be represented
- Class 13 Pair of bulls
- Class 14 Cow & Calf- All breeds, calf born Nov 1, 2025 to July 1, 2026 and be eligible for registry.

Note: When making an entry for this class, as a group, enter cow on one line and calf on one line; identify both animals by birth date and registration numbers. If a calf is not old enough to show as an individual and doesn't have a registration number, be sure to give the date of birth of the calf, permanent ID, and registration number of its sire and dam.

**Dept. 11 Division 101 Commercial Beef**

Animals entered in the following classes can't be entered in any other class of the Beef Cattle Division. A permanent ear tag or tattoo number is required. Animals that have been registered by a purebred association can't be entered into this division. Champions in the division are NOT eligible to compete for the Supreme Champion Female title.

- Class 1 Senior or junior calf, female- Sept 1, 2025 to Aug 10, 2026
- Class 2 Spring or summer yearling, female- Jan 1 to Aug 31, 2025
- Class 3 Senior yearling, female- Mar 1 to Dec 31, 2024

**Dept. 11 Division 102 Prospect Steers and Heifers (OPEN & JR. Exhibitors)**

A permanent ear tag or tattoo number is required. Rosettes will be awarded to Grand & Reserve Champion Steers & Heifers. Added money to be determined at a later date.

- Class 1 Prospect Steers- Fall born 2025 and Spring born 2026- All Breeds shown together
- Class 2 Prospect Heifers- Fall born 2025 and Spring born 2026- All Breeds shown together

**Junior Market Beef**

(9 years old as of Jan 1<sup>st</sup> through Dec 31<sup>st</sup> of the year that they turn 19)

Entry Fees:	\$25.00 per entry
Limit:	Two Entries Per Class Per Exhibitor; May only sell one market animal
Pre-Weight In	Tuesday, May 12 <sup>th</sup> at TC Ranch & Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at Ackley Ranches
Delivery of Animals Date and Time:	Tuesday, September 8 <sup>th</sup> , 7am to 10 pm Wednesday, September 9 <sup>th</sup> , 7am to 1pm; must be in place by 1pm
Type of Judging:	Danish
Weigh In Date:	Wednesday, September 9 <sup>th</sup>
Eligible Exhibitors:	10A District Residents Only
Required Documents:	Bill of Sale or Brand Insp.

All breeds are judged together. Exhibitors must be the bonafide owner of the animal at least 120 days before the opening day of the fair.

**JUNIOR MARKET EXHIBITORS, DON'T FORGET TO ENTER THE APPROPRIATE SHOWMANSHIP CLASS!**

**Grade Scorecard**

**Market Ready:** Market steers projected to have sufficient fat deposition to meet the marbling specifications for USDA Prime, Choice, or Select+ quality grades.

Two Rankings of Market Ready:

- Blue Ribbon- Excel in "Market Ready" criteria
- Red Ribbon- Average in "Market Ready" criteria

**Not Market Ready- Will NOT sell in sale:**

**White Ribbon-** Market steers lacking evidence of sufficient fat deposition to produce a desirable consumer product. Steers projected to grade USDA Select- or lower.

**Dept. 11 Division 200 Junior Market Steer**

- Class 1 Market Steers, 1050 to 1500 pounds

**Dept. 11 Division 201      Market Beef Backup (limit 1)- Clubs & Family Backups**

Class 1      Market Beef Backup

**Dept 11 Division 203      Criss Family Local Bred Market Beef Contest**

Class 1      Open to all 10A DAA eligible Junior exhibitor. Please see other rules/regulations in the Local Bred Beef Contest separate document.

**Junior Beef Bred Replacement Heifers**

Entry Fees:	\$35.00 per entry
Entry Deadline	Friday, May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2026
Pre-Weigh In	Tuesday, May 12 <sup>th</sup> at TC Ranch & Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at Ackley Ranches
Limit:	Two Entries Per Class Per Exhibitor
Type of Judging:	Danish
Weigh In Date:	Wednesday, September 9 <sup>th</sup>
Eligible Exhibitors	10A District Residents Only
Required Documents	Bill of Sale or Brand Inspection; Preg. Check Verification from veterinarian dated within 10 days of fair move in

**Dept. 11 Division 202      Junior Beef Bred Replacement Heifer**

Class 1      Fall Calving Heifer- estimated calving date Sept 15 to Dec. 19, 2026  
Class 2      Spring Calving Heifer- estimated calving date Jan 1 to May 1, 2027

**Heifer Eligibility**

Registered or grade beef replacement heifers are eligible projects. Grade heifers must be without horns. The sire of the heifer must be of a beef breed. If an exhibitor declares that the heifer is registered, the registration papers must be signed off and submitted to the Livestock Office before the heifer will be allowed to sell. Heifers must be bred and purchased from a breeder in Modoc, Siskiyou, or Klamath Counties.

The age limit for a heifer is a minimum of 15 months and a maximum of 30 months on the opening day of the fair. Heifers must weigh a minimum of 900 pounds at the weigh-in during the fair. These requirements will be verified at the scale by the certified weigh master, the attending veterinarian, and fair management. Those heifers that do not meet the criteria will be disqualified from the show competition.

**Ownership Requirements and Project Agreement**

The members must have ownership of their heifer no later than 120 days before the fair. Heifers must be weighed and tagged at the pre-weigh-in to be eligible. The original Bill of Sale must be retained by the exhibitor and presented to the State Brand Inspector at the Fair.

**Substitutions**

If a breeding or health problem should occur, as evidenced by a veterinarian of the 4-H Leader/FFA Instructor in charge, a substitute heifer may be allowed if owned by the member on or before the 120-day ownership requirement and was tagged and weighed.

**Breeding and Project Management**

Heifers will be preg-checked on weigh day at the Fair by a veterinarian specified by Fair Management. Heifers that are not bred within the specified calving times will be disqualified from

show competition. Heifers may be bred naturally or by artificial insemination. They should be bred to bulls with low birth weights in order to reduce difficulty in calving. Accurate records must be kept on the heifers. It is important that members have dates written down as to when the heifer was exposed

#### **Health**

At the start of the project, members should seek advice from a local veterinarian about preventing diseases such as Leptospirosis, Vibriosis, Anaplasmosis, and Brucellosis. State law requires that beef heifers over twelve (12) months of age show evidence of the calfhood brucellosis vaccination if they are sold within the state of California for breeding purposes. Therefore, it is mandatory that the brucellosis ear tag number (orange metal clip number) and tattoo number be entered on the entry form. Those heifers having no tattoo shall be disqualified from show competition.

#### **Judging**

The Danish System of Judging will be used, giving an exhibitor three (3) possible group placings: Purple, Blue, and Red. A Grand Champion and Reserve Grade Champion Beef Replacement Heifer will be selected by the judge(s). Heifers awarded purple and blue ribbons in the show competition will qualify for the Beef Replacement Heifer sale held during the Fair. Heifers that receive a red ribbon do not qualify for the sale and will not be allowed to sell in the Replacement Heifer Sale. Heifers that qualify for the sale are not required to sell, but must inform the livestock office within one hour following the heifer show in order to be removed from the sale order. The Grand and Reserve Champion heifers must sell in the Replacement Heifer Sale.

#### **Replacement Heifer Sale**

An exhibitor may enter and exhibit up to three (3) beef replacement heifers, but not sell more than one beef replacement heifer at the fair per year. Only those heifers placed in the top two groups (Purple and Blue) will be eligible to sell. If a heifer calves during the Fair and has qualified for the sale, she will be eligible to be sold with the calf by her side, provided that the calf is healthy and the heifer is controllable. The decision will be made by fair management.

#### **Release of Replacement Heifers**

The fair would prefer that the replacement heifers sold in the Heifer Sale stay on the fairgrounds throughout the week of fair and be released on Sunday during the scheduled release time. If a buyer requests to transport their purchase(s) immediately after the sale, permission must be obtained by fair management, and load-out guidelines provided by fair management must be followed in order to ensure the safety of the public and non-interference with fair-time events.

Heifers who do not qualify for the sale must remain on the fairgrounds throughout the week of fair and will be released at the normal scheduled release time.

#### **Temperament of Heifer**

Heifers must be gentle and trained to lead with a show halter. The Fair Management reserves the right to disqualify any animal as ineligible for show competition, and order the removal of any beef entry that is not gentle and properly halter-broke to lead, and which could therefore endanger other exhibitors and Fair-going public. In the event that an animal injures a member of the Fair-going public, the exhibitor is liable.

## **Junior Beef & Dairy Cattle Showmanship**

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Entry Fees:	No Entry Fee
Limit:	One entry per exhibitor
Type of Judging:	American
Eligible Exhibitors:	Junior California/Oregon Residents

ALL EXHIBITORS MUST SHOW THEIR OWN ANIMAL. Open to all junior livestock exhibitors. Only animals entered, owned, fitted, and shown by a junior exhibitor in the junior department are eligible. Entries in showmanship must be made in accordance with all other livestock entry-closing deadlines. Post-entries will not be accepted. Exhibitor must be on hand and ready to exhibit at the time called for judging.

<i>Premiums Offered per Class</i>		
1 <sup>st</sup> place	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	3 <sup>rd</sup> place
\$35	\$20	\$20

**Dept. 11 Division 210      Junior Beef Showmanship**

- Class 1      Senior Beef Showmanship (age 16-19)
- Class 2      Intermediate Beef Showmanship (age 13-15)
- Class 3      Junior Beef Showmanship (age 9-12)

**Dept. 11 Division 211      Dairy Cattle Showmanship**

- Class 1      Senior Dairy Showmanship (age 16-19)
- Class 2      Intermediate Dairy Showmanship (age 13-15)
- Class 3      Junior Dairy Showmanship (age 9-12)

**SHOWMANSHIP DRESS CODE REQUIREMENTS:**

**FFA:** All FFA Exhibitors must wear FFA uniforms when showing and selling their animals in Junior Divisions and participating in the awards ceremony. The official Tulelake-Butte Valley Fair FFA uniform for girls shall consist of white pants, a white collared blouse, the blue FFA scarf, the official FFA jacket zipped to the top, and closed-in shoes/boots. The official FFA uniform for boys shall consist of white pants, a white collared shirt, a blue FFA necktie, and the official FFA jacket, zipped to the top and closed, with closed-toe shoes/boots. Any exhibitor not conforming to these qualifications will be disqualified from the class and/or auction.

**4-H:** All 4-H Exhibitors must wear 4-H uniforms when showing and selling their animals in Junior Divisions and participating in the awards ceremony. The official Tulelake-Butte Valley Fair 4-H uniform for girls consists of white pants, a white collared blouse, the green 4-H collar or 4-H tie, the 4-H cap, and closed-in shoes/boots. The official 4-H uniform for boys shall consist of white pants, a white collared shirt, a green 4-H tie, the 4-H cap, and closed-in shoes/boots. Any exhibitor not conforming to these qualifications will be disqualified from the class and /or auction.

**OUT OF STATE EXHIBITORS:** All out-of-state Jr. exhibitors must show in white pants, a white collared shirt, and closed-in shoes/boots when showing their animals in Junior Breeding/Showmanship Divisions and participating in the awards ceremony. Any exhibitor who does not meet these qualifications will be disqualified from the class.

## Junior Beef Breeding

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#### **Dept. 11 Division 204 Registered- All Breeds Judged Together**

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