

4-H/FFA Breeding Beef Cattle

Barn Supervisor: Jake Major

Entry Information

Entry Deadline: August 28, 2026

Entry Fee: \$8/head

Schedule – First Rotation

Arrive: Wed., Sept. 9 from 4:00-8:00 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 10 from 6:00-9:00 a.m.

Check-In: Upon Arrival

Show: Sat., Sept. 12 at 2:00 p.m.
Simmental -> AOB -> Supreme Drive

Showmanship: Sat., Sept. 12 following show

Release: Sat., Sept. 12 at 6:00 p.m. *(or after show)*
Must be out by 10:00 p.m.

Schedule – Second Rotation

Arrive: Sat., Sept. 12 at 8:00 p.m. *TIE-OUT ONLY*
Sun., Sept. 13 from 6:00-9:00 a.m.

Check-In: Upon Arrival

Show: Mon., Sept. 14 at 2:00 p.m.

Showmanship: Mon., Sept. 14 following show

Release: Tues., Sept. 15 at 6:00 p.m. *(or after shows)*
Must be out by 10:00 p.m.

**Early and/or late releases may be accepted on a case-by-case basis. Please see barn supervisor for approval.*

Rules and Regulations

1. All Junior Livestock Exhibitors at the Utah State Fair must be a member of a Utah FFA chapter or a Utah 4-H county program.
2. Youth MUST be age 8 AND in 3rd grade to participate in large animal projects. Youth turning 8 AND in 3rd grade may participate after their 8th birthday during the 4-H year. Additionally, youth are allowed to show through the season

immediately following their high school graduation but must not have passed their 19th birthday.

3. After using the wash rack, exhibitors must clean the area. Animals may not be tied and left unattended in the wash racks. Please be courteous and allow others access as needed.
4. Any hose or equipment connected to the wash rack water supply must be equipped with a functional shut-off nozzle.
5. A minimum of 15 head of cattle, owned by at least two exhibitors from different families or farm operations, is required to constitute competition within a breed. Failure to meet this requirement for two consecutive years may result in the elimination of that breed as a separate class.
6. All Other Recognized Breeds: If there is insufficient competition within a breed, animals may be grouped into an "All Other Recognized Breeds" class.
7. All animals must be registered with their respective national breed association or be eligible for registration according to that association's age requirements.
8. Animals must be entered in the name of the
9. All animals must have proper individual identification. This includes, but is not limited to, registration numbers, tattoos, brands, or other permanent identification that corresponds with official records. Identification must be clearly legible and match entry information.
10. All decisions rendered by the official judge(s) are final, binding, and not subject to review or appeal.
11. Each exhibitor has absolute responsibility for the care and condition of the animal(s) they enter and bring to the Fair. The Utah State Fair and its staff shall not be held liable for any injury, illness, loss, or death of livestock while on Fairpark property.
12. The use of straw is prohibited on the Fairpark. Wood shavings will be provided for initial bedding.
13. Exhibitors are required to read and abide by the General Rules and the Livestock General Rules and Regulations.

Special Rules

1. Nose leads will be required on all bulls except junior calves.
2. Beef cattle must have a legible tattoo which can be compared with identification on registration papers. If a discrepancy or falsification is found, the animal in question will be ineligible for competition.
3. All breed shows will follow **No-Fit** guidelines, with the exception of the Supreme Drive, which will be conducted as a Full-Fit show.
4. Any animal shown in the 4-H/FFA Breeding Beef Show is not eligible to compete in the 4-H/FFA Market Beef Show.

5. The name of the exhibitor must match the name on the registration paper for an animal, or the exhibitor must be listed as an authorized representative on the respective Breed Association Membership Rolls.
6. Exhibitors must be present with their animal(s) during the times of their respective check-ins.
7. Class MH – Miniature Herefords
 - a. Entries must be registered with the American Hereford Association (AHA). Animals with "pending" or "applied for" registration are not eligible to show.
 - b. Entries are subject to provisions and rules of showing as set for by the AHA Board of Directors and are subject to supervision of the Show and Sale Committee representing the MHBA.
 - c. All exhibitors must be current members of the MHBA to be eligible to show.
 - d. Entries will be measured. All animals entered in the show must meet the height requirements listed in the official MHBA Age-to-Height Chart listed on the MHBA website. Measurements are taken at the time of the show's official heights and measures by the MHBA representative and must match the animal's age bracket according to the six-month chart. If an animal measures over the maximum height for its age, it will not be eligible to show at the event.
 - e. DNA parent verification is required to be eligible for show. The show's MHBA representative will verify parent DNA of all entries prior to the show to determine eligibility.
 - f. All horned and polled Miniature Hereford cattle will show together.
 - g. Any animal without a legible tattoo will not be eligible to show.
8. Class SI – Simmental
 - a. Animals seven months of age or more must have registration papers or a performance pedigree from the American Simmental Association.
 - b. Utah Simmental Association and Fair officials reserve the right to check tattoos and papers.
 - c. Heifers born prior to May 1, 2025 must be either 1.) bred, with pregnancy status verified on the health paper, or 2.) verified as used in embryo transfer.

Divisions

Class MH – Miniature Hereford

Class SI – Simmental

Class AOB – All Other Registered Breeds

Lots

Heifers

1. Junior Heifers – born after January 1, 2026
2. Fall Heifers – born between September 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025
3. Senior Heifers – born between September 1, 2024 and August 31, 2025
4. Cow – any age with calf under 12 months of age

Grand Champion Female

Reserve Champion Female

Bulls

9. Junior Bulls – born after September 1, 2025
10. Senior Bulls – born before August 31, 2025

Grand Champion Bull

Reserve Champion Bull

*If there are 12 head or more in a class, provided by 2 or more exhibitors not from the same farm or family, the class will be split by age into 2 classes. **Requests to split the class MUST be made to the Livestock Office and Jr Beef Supervisor 24 hours before the start of the show.**

If there are more than 15 head provided by two or more exhibitors in a single breed, a division may be made. **Requests must be made to the Livestock Office and Jr Beef Supervisor 24 hours before the start of the show.

**All rules and regulations, including class lists and show order, are subject to change at the discretion and approval of State Fair staff as necessary to ensure the safety, integrity, and efficient operation of the exhibition.*