

Open Beef Cattle

Barn Supervisor: Jake Major

Entry Information

Entry Deadline: August 28, 2026

Entry Fee: \$8/head

**Late entries are due Sept. 4 at \$16/head*

Schedule – First Rotation

Arrive: Wed., Sept. 9 from 4:00-8:00 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 10 from 7:00-9:00 a.m.

Check-In: Upon Arrival

Show: Fri., Sept. 11 at 10:00 a.m.
*Simmental -> Angus -> Commercial ->
AOB -> Supreme Drive*

Release: Sat., Sept. 12 at *6:00 p.m.
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: Tues., Sept. 15 at 10:00 a.m.
Mini Hereford -> Dexter -> Supreme Drive

Release: Tues., Sept. 15 at *6:00 p.m.
Must be out by 10:00 p.m.

**Release times are subject to change at the discretion of Fair Management. Animals may not be released until all scheduled activities and shows for their species have concluded for the day.*

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

Rules and Regulations

1. A maximum of 20 animals may be exhibited by any one exhibitor. An exhibitor is defined as members of the same family or farm operation.
2. 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.
3. Any hose or equipment connected to the wash rack water supply must be equipped with a functional shut-off nozzle.

4. 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.
5. *All Other Recognized Breeds*: If there is insufficient competition within a breed, animals may be grouped into an “All Other Recognized Breeds” class.
6. All animals must be registered with their respective national breed association or be eligible for registration according to that association’s age requirements.
7. All animals must have proper individual identification. This includes, but is not limited to, registration numbers, tattoos, brands, or other identification that corresponds with official records. Identification must be clearly legible and match entry information.
8. All out-of-state animals must be accompanied by an official health certificate from an accredited veterinarian that certifies the animal exhibits are free of communicable diseases. Official health certificates must be presented to the barn supervisor at time of check-ins.
9. The use of straw is prohibited on the Fairpark. Wood shavings will be provided for initial bedding.
10. All animals must be owned by the exhibitor of whom the animal was entered under. An exhibitor may assign a representative to show his or her animal, but the animal must be entered in the name of the owner.
11. All decisions rendered by the official judge(s) are final, binding, and not subject to review or appeal.
12. 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.
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. Out-of-state cattle returning home will be required to obtain a brand inspection prior to leaving the fair.
4. All breed shows will follow **No-Fit** guidelines, with the exception of the Supreme Drive, which will be conducted as a Full-Fit 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 in order to be eligible to show.

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.
 - d. 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.
 - e. All horned and polled Miniature Hereford cattle will show together.
 - f. 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.

Premiums and Awards

Premiums will be awarded as follows:

Per class

Placing	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
Premium	\$85	\$75	\$65	\$55	\$45	\$35	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$15

Per group

Placing	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th
Premium	\$120	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$50	\$40	\$30

No premiums will be paid for Grand/Reserve divisions.

Grand and Reserve Champion Female, as well as Grand and Reserve Champion Bull of each breed will receive a special award.

Divisions

Class DE – Dexter

Class MH – Miniature Hereford

Class SI – Simmental

Class AG - Angus

Class CO – Commercial/Crossbred

Class AOB – All Other Recognized Breeds

Lots – All Breeds

Females

1. Spring Heifer Calf– Females calved on or after Mar 1, 2026
2. Jr Heifer Calf – Females calved between Jan 1, 2026, and Feb 28, 2026
Champion Jr Heifer Calf (Lots 1-2)
Reserve Jr Heifer Calf
5. Late Fall Heifer Calf – Females calved between Nov 1, 2025, and Dec 31, 2025
6. Early Fall Heifer Calf – Females calved between Sept 1, 2025, and Oct 31, 2025

Champion Fall Heifer Calf (Lots 5-6)

Reserve Fall Heifer Calf

9. Summer Yearling Heifer – Females calved between May 1, 2025, and Aug 31, 2025

10. Spring Yearling Heifer - Females calved between Mar 1, 2025, and Apr 30, 2025

Champion Yearling Heifer (Lots 9-10)

Reserve Yearling Heifer

13. Long Yearling Heifer – Females calved between Jan 1, 2025, and Feb 28, 2025

14. Sr Yearling Heifer, calved between Sep 1, 2024 and Dec 31, 2024

Champion Sr Heifer (Lots 13-14)

Reserve Sr Heifer

17. Cow/Calf - any cow with a suckling calf. Calf must be born on or after January 1, 2026

Grand Champion Female

Reserve Champion Female

Bulls

20. Spring Bull Calves, calved after Mar 1, 2026

21. Jr Bull Calves, calved between Jan 1, 2026, and Feb 28, 2026

Champion Jr Bull Calf (Lots 20-21)

Reserve Jr Bull Calf

24. Winter Bull Calves, calved between Nov 1, 2025 and Dec 31, 2025

25. Sr Bull Calves, calved between Sept 1, 2025, and Oct 31, 2025

Champion Fall Bull Calf (Lots 24-25)

Reserve Fall Bull Calf

28. Summer Yearling Bulls, calved between May 1, 2025 and Aug 31, 2025

29. Spring Yearling Bulls, calved between Jan 1, 2025, and Apr 30, 2025

Champion Yearling Bull (Lots 28-29)

Reserve Yearling Bull

32. Sr Yearling Bulls, calved between Sept 1, 2024, and Dec 31, 2024

33. Two-Year-Old Bulls, calved between Jan 1, 2024, and Aug 31, 2024

Champion Sr Bull (Lots 32-33)
Reserve Sr Bull

Grand Champion Bull
Reserve Champion Bull

Groups

(animals must be shown in individual class to be eligible for groups)

38. Produce of Dam - 2 animals, either sex, from one dam. Can be owned by more than one exhibitor but must be from the same family or farm.
39. Pair of Heifers – Any two females from lots 1 – 8. Can be owned by more than one exhibitor but must be from the same family or farm.
40. Pair of Bulls – Any two bulls from lots 20 – 33. Can be owned by more than one exhibitor but must be from the same family or farm.
41. Pair of Calves – One bull and one heifer from lots 1 – 6 and 20 – 25. Can be owned by more than one exhibitor but must be from the same family or farm.
42. Pair of Yearlings - One bull and one heifer from lots 9 – 14 and 28 – 32. Can be owned by more than one exhibitor but must be from the same family or farm.
43. Get of Sire - 3 animals from the same sire. Both sexes represented. Can be owned by more than one exhibitor but must be from the same family or farm.
44. Herd Group - 4 animals, both sexes represented. Can be owned by more than one exhibitor but must be from the same family or farm. **Limited to one entry per exhibitor.*

Lots – Breed Specific

Mini Hereford and Dexter ONLY

45. Prospect Steer – up to 1 year old on date of show
46. Finished Steer – up to 2 years old on date of show

Grand Champion Steer
Reserve Champion Steer

Dexter ONLY

- 49. Young cows 2-3 years of age
- 50. Intermediate cows 3-5 years of age
- 51. Mature cows 5 years of age and over

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

*Lot divisions with less than 5 head total will combine all classes within that division together in one champion drive with premiums and placings being given as if classes had been shown separately. *(For example: If there are only 2 head of Summer Yearling Bulls and 2 head of Spring Yearling Bulls, the 4 head will then combine into one class, which will also serve as the Champion Yearling Bull division drive)*

**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.*