



2025
DEPARTMENT 2
JUNIOR CLASS BEEF CATTLE
PREMIUM LIST



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- A. Livestock exhibitors are required to comply with all of the statutory and regulatory provisions of the State of Wisconsin relating to animal health. Please see the current animal health regulations as posted on our website: www.racinecountyfair.com
- B. For base dates and class definitions please see Section ATCP 160.08 of the State of Wisconsin Regulations posted on the website: www.racinecountyfair.com.
- C. Animals that are shown in the Junior Division CANNOT be shown in the Open Division.
- D. All exhibitors, please see the Livestock Show and Sale Regulations located on the Fair website at www.racinecountyfair.com.
- E. All animals must be in place by 8:30 p.m. on the Tuesday of the Fair. Animals may be brought in from Noon – 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday. Animals must be weighed-in from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday night of the Fair. Animals may not leave the Fair until the approved release time.
- F. Market Animals will be sold at the Livestock Auction on Saturday of the Fair. The Grand Champion will sell sixth, with the remaining Champions to follow. Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their livestock up to release on the last day of the Fair, when they may be taken home or away. Failure to abide by these regulations will result in the withholding of premiums earned.
- G. Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification is required to for all Youth Beef exhibitors at the Racine County Fair. Contact the Racine County UW-Extension office or <https://yqcaprogram.org/> for more information.
- H. Anyone buying back their livestock must pay for them, if not, they will be barred from the next year's sale.
- I. All entries are to be shown by the exhibitor unless otherwise allowed by the Superintendents.
- J. All Market Animals exhibited must self-identify, be RFID ear tagged, and submit a DNA sample.
- K. Self-identification packets, including DNA sample, are due to the Fair Office no later than the 2nd Saturday in December. The Fair Office will be open from 10:30 a.m. – Noon on that day. A maximum of four (4) steers may be identified per exhibitor within an immediate family (i.e. siblings) for the Beef Project.
- L. If a Racine County Fair DNA tag is missing from a steer market animal, **the Racine County Fair Office MUST** be notified within 7 days for a replacement tag. Animals not having a Racine County Fair DNA tag may be subject to disqualification. See Livestock DNA rules for additional information.
- M. Each division (or breed) will complete showing through its Champion selection before the starting of the next division (or breed).
- N. Market Animals must be born on or after January 1st of the preceding exhibit year.
- O. Market Animals weighing less than 1,000 lbs. will not be sold at the Livestock Auction.
- P. A rope halter must be left on the animals. No binder twine or wire can be used. No chains are allowed as neck ties.
- Q. Animals sold at the Livestock Auction will only be allowed at the State Fair if the "Purchase Agreement Form" is completed and filed with the Beef Superintendent(s) prior to exhibition.
- R. All Market Steers will be shown by weight. Market Steers are to be weighed on Tuesday of the Fair from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Heifers are to come to the weigh-in area to be checked in during that time.
- S. Market Animals will be put in classes 1,2,3, etc., by Division (or breed), after weighing on Tuesday of Fair. Divisions which exceed 60 animals will be divided into 4 prize numbers (prize numbers 1,2,3 or 4 to be used by Fair Officials).
- T. A minimum of three (3) animals must be entered per division in their specific breeding division or animals will be shown in the Any Other Breed Division.
- U. If there are at least 3 Beef Market Animals, they will be shown in their specific breed class and not in the Any Other Breed Division.
- V. Beef Market Animals must display correct corresponding breed characteristics per their respective Breed Association. All animals are subject to review of the Beef Committee.

- W. **Market Animals are not required to be identified by Breed at DNA sample Turn-in in December. All purebred animals MUST provide breed papers and proof of Tattoo at Fair Weigh-In with the exception of Dairy (Div. 1), Beef/Dairy Cross (Div. 2), and Beef Cross (Div. 12) animals. If purebred papers are not provided, the animal will be shown in the Beef Cross Division (Div. 12).**
- X. **Purebred breeding heifers MUST provide breed papers and proof of Tattoo at Fair Check-in. If purebred papers are not provided, the animal will be shown in the Commercial Division.**
- Y. Weight groupings (classes) will be posted on Wednesday afternoon.
- Z. Two (2) animals may be shown and sold in the Livestock Auction, with the exception of the Overall Champion and Overall Reserve Champion Market Animals from the Performance and Carcass Evaluation Division.
- AA. Beef-Dairy cross animals shall be 50% beef and 50% dairy.
- BB. No animals with **horns OR scurs** will be allowed to show at the Fair. Any animal that is found to have horns or scurs will be **immediately removed** from the Racine County Fair premises and will not be allowed to show.
- CC. All fans in the barn must be suspended. No floor fans will be allowed.
- DD. No grooming chutes will be allowed in the aisles, except on show day.
- EE. Judging Schedule shall be as follows:
 - a. Open Beef Breeding – 9:00 a.m. Friday
 - b. Junior Beef Breeding – Following Open
 - c. Market Animals – Following Junior Beef Breeding
 - d. Showmanship – Following Market Animals
- FF. Danish Judging System will be used for all divisions and classes.
- GG. Any disputes will be settled at the discretion of the Beef Committee.
- HH. If a tragic event occurs and an animal is unable to be shown between December and April 1st of the current exhibition year, a replacement steer that was tagged in December may be used at the discretion of the Beef Committee. The replacement steer will be dropped on (1) ribbon placing and will not be eligible for any further awards (i.e. Champion or Grand Champion).

ONLY select the Placeholder Division of **Market Steers** when completing Online Entries, Breed Divisions will be established at Tuesday Weigh-In

Entry Examples:

If Showing 1 Market Animal:

Dept	Division	Class	Description
2	1 (Market Steers)	1	1 st Market Animal

If Showing 2 Market Animals:

Dept	Division	Class	Description
2	1 (Market Steers)	1	1 st Market Animal
2	1 (Market Steers)	2	2 nd Market Animal

Market Animals

Blue - \$8.00 Red - \$7.00 White - \$6.00 Pink - \$5.00

Division	Breed	Division	Breed
1	Dairy Steer	7	Maine Anjou
2	Beef / Dairy Cross	8	Shorthorn
3	Angus	9	Shorthorn Plus
4	Charolais	10	Simmental

5	Chianina	11	Any Other Breed
6	Hereford	12	Beef Cross

Class No.	Entry
1	1 st Market Animal
2	2 nd Market Animal

Beef Breeding Animals

Division	Breed	Division	Breed
13	Angus	17	White Parks
14	Hereford	18	Any Other Breed
15	Shorthorn	19	Commercial
16	Simmental		

Class No.	Entry	Premiums			
1	Heifer Calf, Junior – Born after Jan. 1 of exhibit year	9	8	7	5
2	Heifer Calf, Senior – Born between Sept 1 and Dec 31 of preceding year	11	9	7	5
3	Heifer Calf, Summer Yearling – Born between May 1 and Aug 31 of preceding year	11	9	7	5
4	Heifer, Junior Yearling – Born between Jan 1 and Apr 30 of preceding year	11	9	7	5
5	Heifer, Senior Yearling – Born between Sept 1 and Dec 31 or 2 nd year preceding exhibit	11	9	7	5
6	Cow, with Junior Calf	8	7	6	5
7	Pair of Calves	8	7	6	5

**CHAMPION HEIFER
CHAMPION COW & CALF PAIR**

**RIBBON & J. HANSON MEMORIAL PLAQUE
RIBBON**

Division 20 – Showmanship
Danish Judging System
Required of All Beef Exhibitors

Blue - \$3.00 Red - \$2.50 White - \$2.00 Pink - \$1.50

Class No.	Entry
1	16 Years & Older
2	14 – 15 Years of Age
3	12 – 13 Years of Age
4	10 – 11 Years Old

Members will be judged on the same criteria as Dairy Showmanship.
Cash Showmanship Awards will be sponsored by Prime Ag.

The Racine County Farm Bureau and Rural Insurance are contributors of trophies for first-place winners in Division 20.

The WPHA Women – Pollettes will present awards to the top showman of the Polled Hereford and Hereford cattle in the youth organizations which include 4-H and FFA.

Division 21 – 2025 Performance and Carcass Evaluation

Live Carcass Judging – Date and Time will be announced when determined.

Weigh-In will be held upon arrival to live carcass judging.

Carcass Evaluation Judging – Date and Time will be announced when determined.

Danish Judging System will be used in this Division.

RULES:

- A. This division is open to any Junior Exhibitor currently enrolled in the 4-H, FFA Beef Project, or a member of a recognized breed association approved by the Fair.
- B. All exhibitors are required to pre-register. Pre-registration will be open October 15 through November 1. Pre-registration will be on a first come, first served basis until all slaughter appointment slots are filled. Registration will be limited to one (1) beef carcass animal per immediate family. If any additional slots remain available, the committee will determine how they are filled. Exhibitors must also submit proper DNA and online entry through the Fair at the time of entry deadline.
- C. An **individual may only exhibit one (1) species in the carcass contest** (beef, sheep, or swine). If an individual signs up for the beef carcass contest, they will be ineligible to sign up for sheep or swine. *Please note: Other family members may still sign up for other species.*
- D. Straight beef, dairy, dairy / beef carcasses, or heifers will be permitted to enter this class. All heifers must meet all existing health regulations.
- E. If the Racine County Fair DNA tag falls out, a Livestock DNA committee member **must** be notified within seven (7) days to obtain a replacement tag for the animal.
- F. All animals must come to the live show with the proper RFID tag. Untagged animals may be subject to disqualification. All carcass animals will follow the Racine County Fair DNA rules and regulations.
- G. Steers / Heifers will be weighed and judged as a pre-fair event.
- H. Steers / Heifers must weigh at least 1,000 lbs. on live weigh-in day in July to qualify for Champion or Reserve Champion.
- I. Animals must be shown by the Junior Exhibitor, owning the animal, unless otherwise allowed by the Committee in charge of this division.
- J. Animals must be owned and under the daily care of the Junior Exhibitor, at the Exhibitor's residence, or residence listed on the care and housing statement.
- K. Following the live judging day, transportation will be provided for the animal to be trucked to a local predetermined locker plant.
- L. The exhibitor and / or their parent / legal guardian must attend the discussion of the grading process at a date and time to be announced, unless otherwise allowed by the Committee in charge of this division.
- M. Special recognition will be given to Champion and Reserve Champion.
- N. Beef carcasses must grade **Choice- or higher** in order to qualify for Champion or Reserve Champion.
- O. Carcass animals will be evaluated and ranked by carcass merit by a carcass judge using current industry standards.
- P. The Champion and Reserve Champion will be sold as a Bonus Animal on a "live weight" per pound basis at the Livestock Auction.

- Q. The live portion of this class is a no fit show. They may only be clipped (head, tail, and belly), washed, dried, and brushed. All animals violating this rule will be disqualified from the entire carcass contest.
- R. All animals will be shown live at one time (together). Classes will not be divided by breed or weight.
- S. Each entry will be assessed a \$5.00 entry fee which must be paid at the time of DNA submission. No late entries will be accepted. The entry fee will be used as monetary awards paid back to the exhibitors.
- T. The entry fees will be distributed as follows:
 - a. The top ¼ of the division **except Champion and Reserve Champion** will divide equally 40% of the prize money.
 - b. The 2nd ¼ of the division will divide equally 30% of the prize money.
 - c. The 3rd ¼ of the division will divide equally 20% of the prize money.
 - d. The 4th ¼ of the division will divide equally 10% of the prize money.
- U. Exhibitors are responsible for slaughter cost or finding a buyer for their carcass animal if their animal is not chosen as the Champion or Reserve Champion. All exhibitors should have the name and phone number of the buyer at the live judging.
- V. Any disputes will be settled by the judge and/or the carcass committee.

Blue - \$6.00 Red - \$5.00 White - \$4.00 Pink - \$3.00

Class No.	Entry
1	Carcass Animal

CHAMPION
RESERVE CHAMPION

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