

# ***Department 3 – Beef Cattle***

- Entries close August 1, 2026 –

**NO MAIL-IN ENTRIES**

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**Judges: Youth Showmanship and Youth Breeding Beef Cattle –  
Open Breeding Beef Cattle –**

**2026 Health Requirements for Livestock Exhibited in Michigan**  
<https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/animals/exhibitions>

## **ARRIVAL TIMES:**

Beginning Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:00 am – 9:00 pm (check with superintendent if you need a different time) Call or text Superintendent for arrivals after 9:00 pm  
Ending Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:00 am – 3:00 pm

## **DEPARTURE TIMES:**

All beef cattle depart on Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> after 3:00 pm

## ***Beef Judging Schedule***

### **OPEN AND YOUTH BREED SHOWS**

6:00 pm	Thursday	September 3	Youth Fitting Demonstration and Contest
10:00 am	Friday	September 4	Highland M.A.S.H. Show Youth Showmanship Youth Show Pee Wee Showmanship
11:00 am	Saturday	September 5	Angus AOR – Purebred AOR – Percentage Hereford/Polled Hereford Red Angus Shorthorn Shorthorn Plus Simmental – Purebred 7/8 <sup>↑</sup> Simmental – Percentage 1/2 - 3/4 Commercial
6:30 pm	Sunday	September 6	Steve Masters Master Showman
10:00 am	Monday	September 7	Youth Livestock Judging Contest
12:00 pm	Monday	September 7	“Bill Bowman” Supreme of Supremes (see Department 39 for rules and information)

## **FEES:**

Exhibitor: \$15.00 (required) admits one person. Extra passes are available for \$15.00. Includes admission to fair.  
Parking: \$15.00 for weekend (Pass allows access behind the building after Thursday, August 28.)  
Per Head \$15.00 (open classes only)

**YOUTH pays exhibitor fee \$15.00 only.**

If a youth enters in the open classes – open fee and per head fee apply.

## BREED REGISTRATION

An animal is eligible to enter and compete at the Michigan State Fair LLC in only one breed Classification regardless if the animal is registered in more than one breed association or registry. **RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE SHOW – OPEN & YOUTH**

\*\*\* Please check and follow General Agriculture & Livestock Rules \*\*\*

1. Exhibitor form, Animal Entry form and Current W-9 (or Canadian) must be filled out and returned. **Entries must include fees.**
2. **OWNER IS THE EXHIBITOR.**
3. The beef show will be for breeding cattle only and will be open to adult and youth exhibitors.
4. Youth Exhibitors that will be competing in the junior division of the show must show their own animal unless species chairpersons grant special permission. In the event that a substitute showperson is approved, the substitute showperson must be a registered junior exhibitor in this show. Bulls must be born on September 1, 2024, or after, in order for youth to exhibit bulls. Proper identification of junior exhibitor may be required, at the discretion of the show committee.
5. **Each Exhibitor or Family Farm is limited to eight (8) head per breed in the Open Show. Each Youth Exhibitor is limited to four (4) head per breed in the Youth Show. Youth Show is open to Michigan youth.**
6. **Youth may not enter an animal in the same class for in-person and 4-H virtual show. (Example: if a youth enters an Angus Early Spring Heifer Calf in the in-person show, they may not enter an Angus Early Spring Heifer Calf in the 4-H Virtual Show).**
7. All entries must be made in accordance with general livestock terms and conditions. Please go to: [www.MichiganStateFairLLC.com](http://www.MichiganStateFairLLC.com) and enter online. **LATE ENTRIES: Entries received between August 2, 2026, and August 7, 2026, will incur a \$50.00 Late Entry Fee.**
8. **CAMPING.** Camping **MUST BE** registered for **SEPARATELY**. Please use this link to apply: <https://www.eventeny.com/events/applications/application/?id=8661>
9. In addition, all other breeds are welcome to participate in the **All Other Registered Breeds (AOR)** division. For heifers and bulls that have a registration certificate but do not satisfy the criteria listed below, those cattle will show in the **AOR** division. **AOR Purebred (Charolais, Limosin, Maine-Anjou (high percentage), etc.). AOR Percentage (Simmental less than 50%, Maintainer, Chiania, etc.).**
10. There will be classes in the open show for bulls born on or after January 1, 2024, classes in the junior show for bulls born on or after September 1, 2025, heifers born on or after September 1, 2024, and cow/calf pairs. In the cow/calf classes, the calf must be the cow's most recent natural calf and must have been born on or after September 1, 2025. Cow/calf pairs will count as one entry fee unless the calf will also be shown in a class as an individual. In this case, two entry fees must be submitted.
11. The name listed on the entry form as exhibitor must also be listed on the animal's registration certificate as "owner".
12. Ownership Deadlines: Beef cattle exhibitor entries must be transferred in National Association by the exhibitor by **August 1** of current year, with printed registration paper by check in.
13. All junior, exhibitor owned cattle must be registered solely in the name of the youth exhibitor.
14. An exhibitor may substitute an animal within the same class as entered at no charge. The exhibitor will be charged a fee of \$5.00 to substitute an animal into a different class, or breed.
15. An exhibitor may not receive more than one award in group classes. An exhibitor may show a maximum of two head per individual class. Only first place winners are eligible for Champion prizes; Second place animals may compete for Reserve Championships.
16. Pair of heifers is two (2) heifers of the same breed, any age (no cows), owned by one exhibitor or family.
17. Pair of bulls is two (2) bulls of the same breed, any age, owned by one exhibitor or family.
18. **The floor in the livestock area is polished concrete. Bark will be provided by Michigan State Fair. Hay, shavings and straw are available from a feed source. Michigan State Fair provides bark for pre-bedding stalls before arrival.**
19. Grooming Regulations: Use of false tail heads or adding of hair or hemp is prohibited. No coloring (including powders, adhesives and spray paints). Use of powders is prohibited. No forced administration of fluids by pumping, drenching or any other method for any reason will be allowed. **Violation of any of these rules will result in the disqualification of the entry and/or exhibitor, and the exhibitor and/or their representatives, including family members, fitters, managers, etc., may be banned from future shows.**
20. Each breed association will receive a 10' x 10' booth space for breed promotional material, at no charge, if space available. **Please contact Superintendent by August 5, 2026.**

21. **Original registration papers** must be presented at check-in time for all cattle that will be shown in a breed division. Registration applications will not be accepted. Registration papers may be electronically checked for accuracy.
22. All fitting must be done in or next to the barn. No fitting in trailers or tie out area.
23. Fans and other cooling devices will not be allowed in the aisles. Butt fans and fan carts will not be allowed. A maximum of one (1) fan per three head of cattle, will be permitted.
24. All bulls more than one year of age must be secured with a nose ring or nose lead secured to the satisfaction of the superintendent/s, or the bull will not be allowed to stay on the grounds. All cattle must be secured by neck ties and halters.
25. Gates will be set-up in the tie-out area. Pens may be set-up if desired. No tents or generators are allowed in tie-outs. **Tie out will start at 7:00 pm. All cattle will be in stall by 9:00 am.** If tie outs are used, all bedding **MUST** be cleaned up and moved to the manure bunker before 11:00 am Monday morning. **Trailers are not to be parked in tie-outs without the beef superintendent or designee there to approve the parking.**
26. No grooming chutes allowed in aisles. Chute areas must be kept clean.
27. **DOG NOTICE (Exhibitors Only):**
  - **NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS/BUILDINGS/TENTS, EXCEPT LEADER DOGS. Dogs are allowed in the camping area ONLY and must be kept on a leash at all times.**
28. Premier Michigan Breeder – The breeder winning the most points (with a minimum of 2 animals and) not to exceed six animals in the open single classes exhibited by himself shall be designated the Premier Breeder. The point system for determining Premier Breeder is as follows:

<b>POINTS</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>
Bulls / Heifers	5	4	3	2	1
	Grand Champion		5		Reserve Grand Champion 3
	Division Champion		5		Reserve Division Champion 3
					Tie Breaker – Number of division champions

29. **Midwest Association Show for Highland (MASH).**
30. The Michigan Shorthorn Association is designating this show as: **Bill Hale Memorial Junior Shorthorn Show and Bill Hale Memorial Shorthorn Show.**
31. After entries close, if any AOR Breed has 10 or more head, that breed will be given its own Show. **If any breed has less then 5 entries the show reserves the right to move them to AOR.**
32. Commercial heifers are not eligible for premier breeder nor bred and owned.

**\*\*\*Making Entries for the Michigan State Fair indicates acceptance of the Michigan State Fair Code of Conduct, which is found in the General Rules.\*\*\***

#### **BREED REQUIREMENTS**

In order to exhibit in a specific breed, cattle must conform to the following requirements for registration certificates:

<b>Breed</b>	<b>Breeding Cattle</b>
Angus	Purebred
Red Angus	50% and above
Hereford / Polled Hereford	Purebred
Highland	Purebred
Shorthorn	Purebred
Simmental	Purebred (7/8 and up)
Simmental	Percentage (50% or above)
AOR – Purebred	Limosin – Charolais, etc.
AOR – Percentage	Simmental less than 50%, Maintainer, Chiannia, etc.
Shorthorn Plus	50% and above
Commercial	Heifers only (to be shown by weight)

***Open***

## ***Beef Breeding Classes***

Use tables below for Section and Class #

(Example – a Chianina Late Summer Yearling Heifer would be Section CH Class 5)

<b>BREED</b>	<b>Open Section #</b>	<b>BREED</b>	<b>Open Section #</b>
Angus	AG	Red Angus	RA
Any Other Registered Breed - Purebred	OPB	Shorthorn	SH
Any Other Registered Breed - Percentage	OPC	Shorthorn Plus	SHP
Hereford/Polled Hereford	HF	Simmental – Purebred	SPB
Highland	HI	Simmental – Percentage	SPC

### **BEEF PREMIUMS**

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
\$60	\$50	\$45	\$35	\$25

### **GROUP CLASS PREMIUMS**

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>		
\$35	\$27	\$25	\$22	\$20	Breed Champions	Rosette
					Reserve Breed Champions	Rosette
					Premier Breeder	Banner, no premium

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|---|---|
| <p>1 Late Junior Heifer Calf – calved March 1 – April 30, 2026</p> <p>2 Early Junior Heifer Calf – calved Jan. 1 – Feb. 28, 2026</p> <p>3 Winter Heifer Calf – calved Nov. 1 – Dec. 31, 2025</p> <p>4 Senior Heifer Calf – calved Sept. 1 – Oct. 31, 2025</p> <p>5 <b>Calf Champion Female (classes 1, 2, 3 &amp; 4) - Rosette</b><br/><b>Reserve Calf Champion Female (classes 1, 2, 3 &amp; 4)</b></p> <p>6 Late Summer Yearling Heifer – calved July 1 – Aug. 31, 2025</p> <p>7 Early Summer Yearling Heifer – calved May 1 – June 30, 2025</p> <p>8 Late Junior Yearling Heifer – calved March 1 – April 30, 2025</p> <p>9 Early Junior Yearling Heifer – calved Jan. 1 – Feb. 28, 2025</p> <p>10 Senior Yearling Heifer – calved Sept. 1 – Dec. 31, 2024</p> <p>11 <b>Yearling Champion Female (classes 6, 7, 8, 9 &amp; 10) - Rosette</b><br/><b>Reserve Yearling Champion Female (classes 6, 7, 8, 9 &amp; 10)</b></p> <p>20 Late Junior Bull Calf – calved March 1 – April 30, 2026</p> <p>21 Early Junior Bull Calf – calved Jan. 1 – Feb. 28, 2026</p> <p>22 Winter Bull Calf – calved Nov. 1 – Dec. 31, 2025</p> <p>23 Senior Bull Calf – calved Sept. 1 – Oct. 31, 2025</p> <p>24 <b>Calf Champion Bull (classes 20, 21, 22 &amp; 23) - Rosette</b><br/><b>Reserve Calf Champion Bull (classes 20, 21, 22 &amp; 23)</b></p> <p>25 Late Summer Yearling Bull – calved July 1 – Aug. 31, 2025</p> <p>26 Early Summer Yearling Bull – calved May 1 – June 30, 2025</p> <p>27 Late Junior Yearling Bull – calved March 1 – April 30, 2025</p> <p>28 Early Junior Yearling Bull – calved Jan. 1 – Feb. 28, 2025</p> <p>29 Senior Yearling Bull – calved Sept. 1 – Dec. 31, 2024</p> <p>30 <b>Yearling Champion Bull (classes 25, 26, 27, 28 &amp; 29) -Rosette</b><br/><b>Reserve Yearling Champion Bull (classes 25, 26, 27, 28 &amp; 29)</b></p> | <p>12 Cow &amp; Last Calf – calf born after September 1, 2025</p> <p>13 <b>Champion Cow – Calf (class 12) - Rosette</b><br/><b>Reserve Champion Cow – Calf (class 12)</b></p> <p>14 <b>Grand Champion Female (classes 5, 11 &amp; 13) - Rosette</b><br/><b>Reserve Champion Female (classes 5, 11 &amp; 13 or Reserve winner)</b></p> <p>15 Pair of Females</p> <p>31 Aged Bull – calved January 1 – August 31, 2024</p> <p>32 <b>Champion Aged Bull (class 31) - Rosette</b><br/><b>Reserve Champion Aged Bull (class 31)</b></p> <p>33 Grand Champion Bull (classes 24, 30 &amp; 32)<br/>Reserve Champion Bull (classes 24, 30 &amp; 32 or Reserve winner)</p> <p>34 Pair of Bulls</p> <p>35 Pair of Calves (1 Bull and 1 Heifer)</p> <p>36 Pair of Yearlings (1 Bull and 1 Heifer)</p> |
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## ***Commercial Beef Heifer Show- Section CM -11***

### **PREMIUMS – SINGLE CLASSES**

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
\$60	\$50	\$45	\$35	\$25

### **GROUP CLASSES**

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
\$35	\$27	\$25	\$22	\$20

**Champion & Reserve Champion Commercial Beef Heifer** **Rosette**

- This show is open to all exhibitors.
- Exhibitors can show up to two (2) head per individual weight class and eight (8) heifers total.
- Commercial Beef Heifers will be shown by weight.
- Heifers will be weighed at check in.

Use table below for Section and Class #.  
(Example –Commercial Beef Heifer would be Section CM Class 25)

**Class**

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|---|--|
| 1 | Commercial Beef Heifer (enter class 25 – Heifers will be placed in proper class after being weighed) |
| 2 | Weight Class   |
| 3 | Weight Class   |
| 4 | Weight Class   |
| 5 | Weight Class   |
| 6 | Pair of Commercial Beef Heifers  |
| 7 | <b>Champion and Reserve Commercial Beef Heifer</b>   |

***Supreme Champion – Section 1***

**Class Description**

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|---|--|---|
| 1 | Supreme Overall Champion Bull – Banner / \$200   | Reserve Overall Bull – Banner / \$100   |
| 2 | Supreme Overall Champion Female – Banner / \$200 | Reserve Overall Female – Banner / \$100 |
| 3 | Overall Supreme Champion - \$100                 | Third Overall Female - Banner           |

***Special Contests – See Department 39***

Educational Contest

“Bill Bowman” Supreme of Supremes

**EXPLANATION OF TERMS**

1. Where a herd is registered in the name of different members of a family or a family farm, and the herd is one unit, all entries are eligible for bred and owned, group classes and Premier Breeder.
2. For cattle to be considered “Bred and Owned”, the listed breeder on the registration must be the exhibitor or another member of the family unit, or the family farm.
3. For group classes the animals must be of the same breed.
4. If an animal does not meet the breed requirements, they can be shown in the commercial division.

**HERDSMAN AWARD - \$100 Cash – Sponsored by Ventura Farms**

The Michigan State Fair will recognize an outstanding herdsman and caretaker of their beef exhibit. The superintendents, or a committee designated by the superintendents, will determine the winner. Recipient will be recognized during the selection of the Supreme of Supremes competition, with a cash award. The following criteria will be used to determine the winner.

- Neatness and attractiveness of stall area, bedding, signage, etc.
- Appearance of the animals
- Cleanliness of the aisle area
- Exhibitor’s behavior while at the State Fair
- Friendliness and courtesy toward other exhibitors and the general public.

# Department 4 – Youth Beef Cattle

## Youth Beef Breeding Classes

### Perry Vance Memorial Bred & Owned Show

Each breed will select a Bred & Owned Champion for each division.

An Overall Champion will be selected.

Awards will be presented.

Division Champions from each breed bull and female separately will compete for Champion and Reserve Champion Overall Bred and Owned.

Use tables below for Section and Class #

(Example – a Red Angus Early Junior Yearling Heifer would be Section YRA Class 8)

BREED	Youth Section #	BREED	Youth Section #
Angus	YAG	Red Angus	YRA
Any Other Registered Breed - Purebred	YOP	Shorthorn	YSH
Any Other Registered Breed - Percentage	YOC	Shorthorn Plus	YPS
Hereford/Polled Hereford	YHF	Simmental – Purebred 7/8 <sup>↑</sup>	YSP
Highland	YHI	Simmental – Percentage 1/2 - 3/4	YSC

### BEEF PREMIUMS

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
\$25	\$20	\$15	\$12	\$10

Breed Champions	Rosette
Reserve Breed Champions	Rosette

### Heifers

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|----|---|----|--|
| 1  | Late Junior Heifer Calf – calved March 1 – April 30, 2026               | 12 | Cow & Last Calf – calf born after September 1, 2025            |
| 2  | Early Junior Heifer Calf – calved Jan. 1 – Feb. 28, 2026                | 13 | <b>Champion Cow – Calf (class 12) - Rosette</b>                |
| 3  | Winter Heifer Calf – calved Nov. 1 – Dec. 31, 2025                      |    | <b>Reserve Champion Cow – Calf (class 12)</b>                  |
| 4  | Senior Heifer Calf – calved Sept. 1 – Oct. 31, 2025                     | 14 | Grand Champion Female (classes 5, 11 & 13)                     |
| 5  | <b>Calf Champion Female (classes 1, 2, 3 &amp; 4) - Rosette</b>         |    | Reserve Champion Female (classes 5, 11 & 13 or Reserve winner) |
|    | <b>Reserve Calf Champion Female (classes 1, 2, 3 &amp; 4)</b>           | 15 | Grand Champion Female Bred & Owned                             |
| 6  | Late Summer Yearling Heifer – calved July 1 – Aug. 31, 2025             |    |  |
| 7  | Early Summer Yearling Heifer – calved May 1 – June 30, 2025             |    |  |
| 8  | Late Junior Yearling Heifer – calved March 1 – April 30, 2025           |    |  |
| 9  | Early Junior Yearling Heifer – calved Jan. 1 – Feb. 28, 2025            |    |  |
| 10 | Senior Yearling Heifer – calved Sept. 1 – Dec. 31, 2024                 |    |  |
| 11 | <b>Yearling Champion Female (classes 6, 7, 8, 9 &amp; 10) - Rosette</b> |    |  |
|    | <b>Reserve Yearling Champion Female (classes 6, 7, 8, 9 &amp; 10)</b>   |    |  |

### Bulls

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| 16 | Late Junior Bull Calf – calved March 1 – April 30, 2026 | 20 | Grand Champion Bull (classes 16, 17, 18 & 19)           |
| 17 | Early Junior Bull Calf – calved Jan. 1 – Feb. 28, 2026  |    | Reserve Grand Champion Bull (classes 16, 17, 18 & 19)   |
| 18 | Winter Bull Calf – calved Nov. 1 – Dec. 31, 2025        | 21 | Grand Champion Bred & Owned Bull                        |
| 19 | Senior Bull Calf – calved Sept. 1 – Oct. 31, 2025       |    |   |
|    |   | 22 | Overall Champion Bred & Owned (classes 15 & 21) Rosette |

## Youth Commercial Beef Heifer Show- Section YCM

### PREMIUMS – SINGLE CLASSES

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
\$25	\$20	\$15	\$12	\$10

Champion & Reserve Champion Commercial Beef Heifer

Rosette

Use table below for Section and Class #.

(Example –Commercial Beef Heifer would be Section YCM Class 25)

**Class**

- 1 Commercial Beef Heifer (enter class 25 – Heifers will be placed in proper class after being weighed)
- 2 Weight Class
- 3 Weight Class
- 4 Weight Class
- 5 Weight Class
  
- 6 **Champion and Reserve Commercial Beef Heifer**

***Supreme Champion – Section Y1***

**Class Description**

- 1 Supreme Overall Champion Bull – Banner / \$100 Reserve Overall Bull – Banner / \$50
- 2 Supreme Overall Champion Female – Banner / \$100 Reserve Overall Female – Banner / \$50

***Youth Beef Showmanship – Section Y2***

Entries in this section will be accepted up to show time.

**PREMIUM SCALE**

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5

**CLASSES**

**Class #**

- 1 16 through 20 years of age
- 2 12 through 15 years of age
- 3 7 through 11 years of age
- 4 **Champion and Reserve Champion Showman**

**RULES**

- 1. There will be three age divisions for Beef Showmanship: 7 – 11, 12 – 15, and 16 – 20 (Age as of January 1, of the current year). No entry fee is required. Showmanship is open to all junior beef exhibitors at this show. Please include junior exhibitor birthdate on entry form.

***Special Contests – See Department 39***

Educational Contest

Youth Scholarship

Youth Livestock Judging Contest

Steve Masters Master Showman