

## Section A – YOUTH BEEF CATTLE

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Participants in the Youth Beef Program shall be members of organized youth programs in New York State. This includes members of recognized Breed Organizations as well as 4-H and FFA members. Youth participants must be at least eight years of age by January 1<sup>st</sup> of current club year and in the third grade or higher and not have reached their nineteenth birthday prior to January 1 of the current year.

### NOTICE TO ALL EXHIBITORS:

There will no longer be a “Feed Store” on the grounds during the State Fair. All specialty grains, specialty hay and other items must be brought in by the exhibitor. There will be no delivery by vendors. Straw, shavings and some types of hay will be available from the Horse Show Feed Store. See order form in the back of the premium book.

### IMPORTANT ARRIVAL INFORMATION

These rules affect all livestock and horses

- A. All **OPEN HORSES** must enter gate #5. Once unloaded, exit gate #5 then reenter at gate #7 and proceed to gate #11. Continue straight on perimeter road, turn left at State Police Barracks follow signage to the Livestock parking area. To reload at end of show exit at gate #10, proceed to gate #6 and re-enter at gate #5. Take a left to barns, load horses then exit gate #5 to leave Fair.
- B. All **SHEEP, GOATS, LLAMAS** have a new inspection station. It is now located just inside gate #7 past the state troopers check point. Once inspected proceed to gate #11, turn left on Belle Isle and go to barns.
- C. **BEEF, SWINE AND 4-H HORSES** enter gate #7, proceed to gate #11 NOT gate #10 (gate #10 is becoming an exit only gate), turn left on Belle Isle and go to barns.
- D. All **LIVESTOCK EXCEPT OPEN HORSES** once unloaded are to proceed back down Belle Isle, and follow signage to the Livestock parking area.

### \*\*\*ATTENTION\*\*\*

**A photocopy of each animal’s health papers does not have to accompany the entry form. Therefore, it is IMPERATIVE that you bring the original health papers with you for inspection upon arrival on the Fairgrounds.**

### BVD-PI Testing

- All cattle, llamas and alpacas exhibited at NY county fairs or the State Fair must be negative to an approved test appropriate to detect Bovine Viral Diarrhea persistent infection (BVD-PI). This is a once in a lifetime test that must be reported on the required certificate of veterinary inspection. The issuing veterinarian is responsible for verifying the validity of the test, the identification of the animal and recording the test date on the CVI. If a previous test is not verifiable the test must be repeated.

### Cattle Testing:

- Currently acceptable BVD tests for cattle less than 61 days old:
  - Skin notch Antigen Capture ELISA (ACE) or Immunohistochemistry (IHC)

- whole blood virus isolation
- whole blood PCR
- Currently acceptable BVD tests for cattle 61 days of age and older:
  - Skin notch Antigen Capture ELISA (ACE) or Immunohistochemistry (IHC)
  - Serum or milk Antigen Capture ELISA (ACE)
  - Whole blood virus isolation
  - Whole blood, serum or plasma PCR

Note: The NYS Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at Cornell University can conduct PCR testing on pools of up to 10 cattle.

1. Crossbred cattle can be shown each rotation in the Youth Show **only**. Crossbred cattle are hybrid varieties that are not eligible for registry in any purebred breed association. Crossbred cattle can only be shown in one rotation per New York State Fair year.
2. There is also a new Costume Class being offered, each rotation.
3. The project record requirement is no longer in effect for breeding cattle. Records must still be completed on any cattle being shown in Classes 15 – 23. Steer records can be obtained from the following website: <http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/animal-programs/beef/>
4. No deviation will be permitted from the printed rules and regulations or in the numbers or descriptions of classes unless initiated by the superintendent or requested by the judge.
5. All Youth Beef entries must be quality endorsed by a 4-H Cornell Cooperative Extension Youth Educator, FFA Advisor or authorized representative of a qualified breed organization (New York resident) before the NYS Fair will accept them. Animals **are not** required to show at a county or regional fair to qualify for NYS entry. Endorsement by an above-mentioned youth representative is necessary, however, for entries to be made.

Entry forms can be obtained from Cornell Cooperative Extension Youth Educators, FFA Advisors, and the Youth Beef Superintendent. Entries may be mailed directly to the Fair as soon as they bear the endorsement of a youth representative. In no case will an entry be accepted after August 15, 2016. No phone entries will be accepted. All entries should carry First Class postage, allowing at least 7 days for delivery.

Address your completed entry forms to Entry Department, NYS Fair, 581 State Fair Boulevard, Syracuse, NY 13209. A copy also is required to be mailed to the youth superintendent by the entry deadline.

6. All Youth steers must have been under the care and supervision of the exhibitor since February 1 of the current year. All breeding animals must have been owned by and under the care and supervision of the exhibitor since June 15 of the current year. This should be verified by the Youth representative when quality endorsing entries.

**All animals must be owned individually. Joint, syndicate, family, or farm ownership is not considered individual ownership. This means that the name on the animal's registration must be the youth showing the animal.**

Any animal exhibited by a youth member may be subject to drug testing as deemed necessary by the Superintendent. In the event that a positive result is obtained, the

youth will be barred from showing animals at the State Fair, forfeit all premium money and prizes, and will be referred to their Youth Organization representative.

7. Exhibitors with registered breeding cattle: All animals must have original registration papers accompanying them. No copies will be accepted. Registration must be solely in the name of the exhibitor or be accompanied by an accepted lease agreement dated and signed by a Cooperative Extension Youth Educator. If an exhibitor leases an animal, only one animal per exhibitor can be leased and the verification paper work needs to be completed by a 4-H, FFA or Junior Association representative. **A leased cow/calf pair is considered to be one animal.** No animals in Classes 15 – 23 may be leased.
8. Requests for late arrivals or early departures **MUST** be made in writing to the superintendent by closing date for entries to the Fair. Requests will only be accepted if exhibitor is coming from or going to another show. **NO** telephone requests or last minute arrangements will be accepted.
9. Each exhibitor may show any number of animals owned **solely** by him or her (as indicated on registration certificates), with no more than two (2) entries in any one class.

Additionally, all youth **must** show their own animals unless they have more than one animal in the same class, in which event **only another youth exhibitor** may assist them.

All Youth Exhibitors are required to show in showmanship classes. Indicate class on entry form when entering projects.

10. All Youth Beef entries must conform to the Animal Health Requirements of the Department of Agriculture and Markets and must be permanently identified by an appropriate **USDA metal** ear tag, tattoo or brand.

The Superintendent is authorized and empowered to cause the removal from the buildings and grounds of all animals failing to meet the health conditions herein specified.

Special Activities: **All Youth Beef exhibitors are required to participate in a series of educational activities.** Consideration will be made in certain instances involving conflicts of these events.

11. Herdsmanship: Exhibitors whose cattle are housed with Open class animals will be eligible for the Open herdsmanship awards, not the Youth beef herdsmanship award. Herdsmanship is judged based on neatness and cleanliness of the exhibit, maintenance of courteous behavior at all times and cooperative attitude of the exhibitor.
12. The show ring is open in the evenings for working with animals unless the ring is prepared for a show the following morning. Permission must be obtained from the Open Class Superintendent.
13. Tie-out times are 7 p.m. and 6 p.m. on open show days. Animals **MUST** be tied in by 8 a.m. every day.
14. All Youth Charolais, Hereford and Shorthorn heifers are to be in place by 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 25. They may arrive between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to midnight on Wednesday, August 24 **AND** between 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 25. They will be released at a time specified by the Open Class Superintendent on Sunday, August 28.

15. All Youth Angus, Limousin Highland heifers and market steers must be in place by 9:30 a.m. on Monday, August 29. They may arrive between the hours of 6:00 p.m. to midnight on Sunday, August 28 AND between 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 29. They will be released by the Open Class Superintendent on Thursday, September 1.
  16. All Youth Santa Gertrudis, Simmental, Other Breeds and Commercial cattle must be in place by 9:30 a.m. on Friday, September 2. They may arrive between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight on Thursday, September 1 AND between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 2 and will be released at a time specified by the Open Class Superintendent on Monday, September 5.
  17. Cow/calf class: Cow can be any age. Birthdate of the calf must be January 1 or later of the current year. Calf must be the natural calf of the cow, not an embryo transplant. Owner of the cow must be recorded owner of the calf. **Calf may be shown in individual class.**
  18. Prospect calf: Eligibility for this class is limited to a bull or steer calf **currently being shown with his dam**, provided calf's birthdate is January 1 or later of the current year.
  19. All Youth Department Beef participants staying overnight on the New York State Fairgrounds are to sleep in the Youth Dormitories. No Beef Youth Department participants may sleep in the Youth Department animal exhibit areas. The only exception for these overnight rules is for parents or legal guardians to stay in area hotels or campers on the State Fairgrounds. Parents and legal guardians who choose this option must turn in the Housing Exception Form available from their local Cornell Cooperative Extension Office. This exception does not include lodging or staying in an animal barn. Parents or legal guardians will assume full responsibility for the action and well-being of each of their children for whom an exception is requested and approved.
- Exhibitors showing under other Youth Organizations must contact the Youth Superintendent to obtain a permission form. Individual county rules will prevail where more restrictive.
20. The drinking age in New York is 21. Alcohol consumption by Youth will not be tolerated. Any Youth found drinking will be disqualified from the show and forfeit all premiums. Purchasing alcohol for an underage person and possession by a minor are both illegal in New York.

## B. YOUTH BEEF CATTLE SCHEDULE:

(Note: Junior Breed Show information is provided for your planning convenience. Youth Show Superintendent does not coordinate these)

### Thurs., Aug. 25

9:30 a.m.	All First Rotation Heifers in Place
10:00 a.m.	Youth Exhibitor Organizational Meeting
3:00 p.m.	Junior Hereford Show

### Friday, Aug 26

1:30 p.m.	Youth Show with Showmanship
3:00 p.m.	Adult Showmanship
5:00 p.m.	Youth Beef Educational Program

### Saturday, Aug. 27

8:30 a.m.	Open Shorthorn Show
12:00 noon	Open Hereford Show
7:00 p.m.	Potluck Dinner

<b>Sun., Aug. 28</b>	10:00 a.m. Open Charolais Show 4:00 p.m. Release of First Rotation Cattle
<b>Mon., Aug. 29</b>	9:30 a.m. All Second Rotation Cattle in Place 10:00 a.m. Youth Exhibitor Organizational Meeting 11:00 a.m. Steer weigh-in 1:00 p.m. All-Breeds Junior Showmanship/Junior Limousin Show to follow 3:00 p.m. Junior Angus Show* TBA Records Interviews 5:00 p.m. NYS 4-H Livestock Skillathon Contest Registration (Youth Arena)
<b>Tues., Aug. 30</b>	<b>BEEF DAY</b> 7:30 a.m. 4-H and FFA Livestock Judging Contest, Meet in Youth Arena 9:30 a.m. Open Highland Show 4:00 p.m. New York State Supreme Champion Female Competition
<b>Wed., Aug. 31</b>	8:30 a.m. Junior Highland Showmanship* 10:00 a.m. Open Angus Show 3:00 p.m. Open Limousin/Lim Flex Show 5:00 p.m. Youth Educational Program 7:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner
<b>Thurs., Sept. 1</b>	9:00 a.m. Youth Breed Show with Showmanship 12:00 noon Empire Market Steer Program Awards 4:00 p.m. Release of Second Rotation Cattle
<b>Fri., Sept. 2</b>	9:30 a.m. All Third Rotation Cattle in Place 10:00 a.m. Youth Exhibitor Organizational Meeting 3:00 p.m. All Breeds Junior Showmanship*
<b>Sat., Sept. 3</b>	10:00 a.m. Open White Park Show 4:00 p.m. Youth Breed Show with Showmanship 5:00 p.m. Youth Educational Program/Awards
<b>Sun., Sept. 4</b>	9:00 a.m. Open Other Breed Show 12:00 p.m. Open Simmental Show 7:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner
<b>Mon., Sept. 5</b>	4:00 p.m. Release of Third Rotation Cattle.

\* All Junior Breed entries done through Breed Associations. Times are subject to change.

### C. SECTIONS & CLASSES

Section	Breed
AA	Polled/Horned Hereford
AB	Charolais
AC	Shorthorn
AD	Angus
AE	Limousin
AF	Highland
AG	American-British White Park
AH	Simmental
AJ	Other Breeds
AK	Crossbred

## Breeding Classes

### Class:

1. **Junior Heifer:** Calves born between January 1 and June 1 of the current year.
2. **Senior Heifer:** Calves born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31 of the preceding year.
3. **Summer Yearling:** Heifers born between May 1 and Aug. 31 of the preceding year.
4. **Junior Yearling:** Heifers born between Jan. 1 and Apr. 30 of the preceding year.
5. **Senior Yearling:** Heifers born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31 of the second preceding year.
6. Champion Heifer
7. Reserve Champion Heifer
8. **Cow and Calf:** Cow, any age, with natural calf born after Jan. 1 of current year.
9. Champion Cow and Calf
10. Reserve Champion Cow and Calf
11. **Junior Prospect Calf:** Male calves born between Jan. 1 and June 1 of the current year, **still nursing on cow.**
12. Champion Prospect Calf
13. Reserve Champion Prospect Calf
14. Supreme Champion Overall (Includes Classes 6, 9 and 12)

## Market Classes

### Classes 15 – 23 are held ONLY during second rotation (August 29 – September 1)

Steer classes will be determined based on weights at show so make all entries under Class 21 and we will make class splits after weights.

### Class:

15. Feeder Calf: All steers not nursing dam, under 1000 pounds
16. Champion Feeder Calf
17. Reserve Champion Feeder Calf
18. Light Weight Market Steer
19. Medium Weight Market Steer
20. Intermediate Weight Market Steer
21. Heavy Weight Market Steer
22. Champion Steer
23. Reserve Champion Steer

## Fitting and Showmanship Classes

All exhibitors are required to show in showmanship classes. Indicate on the entry form which class you will be entering.

24. **Novice Showmanship:** A novice showman is a youth who, regardless of age, is competing in their first season of showing.
25. **Junior Showmanship:** 13 years of age or younger as of Jan. 1 of current year.
26. **Senior Showmanship:** 14 years and under 19 as of Jan. 1 of current year.
27. **Master Showman:** The first and second place showman from the above classes will compete for Master Showman.

## EMPIRE MARKET STEER PROGRAM

28. **The Empire Market Steer Program** will take place during the second rotation (August 29 – September 1). The program is an opportunity for youth to have their meat animal project evaluated on several levels. The program will evaluate a) live animal conformation; b) showmanship; and c) project records. These opportunities will be in addition to the regular youth beef program within the New York State Fair Youth Beef Cattle Division. This program is coordinated by the Youth Beef Program Staff with assistance from NYS Beef Producers. Any questions regarding this program can be addressed by the Youth Beef Superintendent. Points will be awarded for evaluation with the lowest score taking top honors. For example, a first place in the conformation class will give participant one point. A second showmanship

placing would give the participant two points. All three areas of participation will be added to get the final tally. All three areas must be completed to be eligible for the program.

### **BEEF PROMOTION/EDUCATIONAL POSTER**

**Class:**

29. Poster may be any creative project that promotes some area of the beef industry. They will be displayed in the beef barn for each rotation.

### **COSTUME CLASS**

30. To be held at Superintendent/participants mutual convenience. Group, single and adult involvement encouraged. Categories: Humorous and Beautiful.