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 1st of current club year and in the

third grade or higher and not have reached their 19th birthday prior to January 1 of the current year.

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.

Participation Information & Guidelines

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals properly identified (see Animal Identification section above).
- Rabies vaccination is required for all cattle 4 months of age or older (see above).
- All cattle must be negative to an approved test appropriate to detect Bovine Viral Diarrhea persistent infection (BVD-PI). The date and results of the testing must be noted on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
- All cattle must be vaccinated against bovine respiratory disease complex including bovine respiratory syncytial virus, bovine virus
 diarrhea, infectious bovine rhinotracheitis and parainfluenza with a product administered in a manner and time frame adequate to
 confer protective immunity for these diseases for the duration of the fair.
- 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. A Crossbred animal can only be shown in one rotation per New York State Fair year.
- The project record requirement is no longer in effect for breeding cattle. Records must still be completed on any cattle being shown in Classes 22-30. Steer records can be obtained from the following website: http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/animal-programs/beef/ 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.
- All entries must be completed online by Friday, August 2, 2024 at 5:00 pm here: https://nysfys.fairwire.com/.
 - Exhibitors <u>must</u> receive endorsement of a county 4-H Educator, FFA Advisor or other breed organization as permitted by the specific department. Any entry that does not receive endorsement may be scratched.
 - Additionally, all exhibitors must meet all the requirements set by that organization (i.e., membership, ownership, specific
 class requirements, etc.) as well as any animal health and registration requirements specified by their department.
 - Exhibitors are responsible for emailing their entry receipt to their County Educator and Department Superintendent. A
 directory of these contacts is located here www.nys4-h.org/new-york-state-fair.
- Animals are not required to show at a county or regional fair to qualify for NYS entry.
- 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 <u>must</u> 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. If 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.
- 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 two animals per exhibitor can be leased and the verification paperwork needs to be completed by a 4-H, FFA or Junior Association representative. A leased cow/calf pair is one animal. 2 projects can be: 2 individual animals, 2 cow/calf pairs, or a cow/calf and an individual animal.
- Requests for late arrivals or early departures MUST be made in writing to the superintendent by the closing date for entries to the Fair.
 Requests will only be accepted if the exhibitor is coming from or going to another show. NO telephone requests or last-minute arrangements will be accepted.

• 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.

- All Youth Beef entries must conform to the Animal Health Requirements of the Department of Agriculture and Markets. All cattle
 must be identified by an official USDA radio frequency identification (RFID) ear tag, commonly referred to as an "840 RFID tag," or
 an equivalent official RFID tag if the animal was tagged in another country. Cattle which are already identified by 840 visual ear tags
 will be exempt from the 840 RFID tag requirement.
- 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.
- <u>Herdsmanship</u>: 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 and cooperative attitude of the exhibitor.
- 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.
- Tie-out times are 7 pm and 6 pm on open show days. Animals MUST be tied in by 8 am every day.
- All Youth Hereford, Red Angus, Shorthorn, and Charolais arrive between the hours of 4:00 pm 9:00 pm on Tuesday, August 20.
 They will be released on Saturday, August 24 at 12:00pm
- All Youth Angus, Highlands and market steers may arrive between the hours of 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm on Saturday, August 24. They
 will be released Wednesday, August 28th at 4:00 pm.
- All Youth Simmental, White Park, AOB cattle may arrive between the hours of 4:00 pm and 9:00 pm on Thursday, August 29. They will be released Monday, September 2 at 3:00 pm.
- <u>Cow/calf class</u>: Cow can be any age. Birthdate of the calf must be January 1 or later the current year. A 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.**
- Prospect calf: Eligibility for this class is limited to a bull or steer calf <u>currently being shown with his dam</u>, provided calf's birthdate is January 1 or later of the current year.
- 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.

- 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.
- There will be a little britches showmanship class in each rotation.

Youth Beef Cattle Schedule

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

FIRST ROTATION

Tues., Aug. 20

4:00 – 9:00 pm ARRIVAL OF FIRST ROTATION

Wed., Aug. 21

9:00 am Deadline to Check in Office with Registration Papers

9:30 am Youth Showmanship 12:00 pm Hay Bale Throwing Contest 2:00 pm Junior Hereford Show

Thurs., Aug 22

10:00 am Shorthorn Open Show – Followed by Shorthorn Plus Open

1:00 pm Red Angus Open Show 3:00 pm Jr Red Angus Show

Fri, Aug. 23

10:00 am Charolais Open Show 1:00 pm Hereford Open Show 6:00 pm Exhibitor Potluck Dinner

Sat., Aug. 24

9:00 am 4-H Youth Breed Show/Showmanship 12:00 pm Release of First Rotation Cattle & Campers

1:00-5:00 pm Barn Closed for Cleaning

SECOND ROTATION

Sat., Aug. 24

5:00 – 10:00 pm ARRIVAL OF SECOND ROTATION

Sun., Aug. 25

9:00 am Deadline to Check in Office with Registration Papers

1:00 pm Jr. Angus Show

6:00 pm Exhibitor Potluck Dinner

Mon., Aug. 26

10:00 am Open Angus Show 4:00 pm Jr. Highland Show

Tues., August 27 BEEF DAY

9:30 am
1:00 pm
Hay Bale Throwing Contest
2:00 pm
NYS Champion Female Competition

Wed., August 28

9:00 am Youth Breed Show/Showmanship

4:00 pm Release of Second Rotation Cattle & Campers

5:00 pm Barn Closed for Cleaning

THIRD ROTATION

Thurs., August 29

4:00 – 9:00 pm ARRIVAL OF THIRD ROTATION

Fri., August 30

9:00 am Deadline to Check in Office with Registration Papers

12:00 pm Hay Bale Throwing Contest 2:00 pm Youth Showmanship

Sat., August 31

10:00 am White Park Open Show 1:00 pm All Other Breeds Open Show Sun., September 1

10:00 am Simmental Open Show 6:00 pm **Exhibitor Potluck Dinner**

Mon., September 2

9:00 am 4-H Youth Breed Show/Showmanship

5:00 pm Release of Third Rotation Cattle & Campers

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

Sections & Classes

Sections

Section	Breed
AA	Polled/Horned Hereford
AB	Red Angus
AC	Shorthorn
AE	Charolais
AF	Angus
AG	Highland
AH	Simmental
AJ	White Park
AK	All Other Breeds
AL	Crossbred – 1 st Rotation
AM	Crossbred – 2 nd Rotation
AN	Crossbred − 3 rd Rotation
AO	Market Classes
AP	Fitting & Showmanship – 1st Rotation
AQ	Fitting & Showmanship – 2 nd Rotation
AR	Fitting & Showmanship – 3 rd Rotation
AS	Empire Market Steer Program
AT	Beef Promotion/Educational Poster

Breeding Classes

- Spring Heifer: Calves born May 1 and after of the current year.
- Spring Heifer: Calves born between March 1 and April 30 of the current year.
- **Junior Heifer**: Calves born between January 1 and February 29 of the current year.
- Winter Heifer: Calves born between November 1 and December 31 of preceding year.
- **Senior Heifer:** Calves born between August 1 and October 31 of the preceding year.
- Late Summer Yearling: Heifers born between June 16 and July 31 of the preceding year.
- Early Summer Yearling: Heifers born between May 1 and June 15 of the preceding year.
- April Yearling: Heifers born between April 1 and April 30 of the preceding year.
- March Yearling: Heifers born between March 1 and March 30 of the preceding year. **Yearling:** Heifers born between February 1 and February 29 of the preceding year.
- **Yearling:** Heifers born between January 1 and January 31 of the preceding year. 11.
- 12. Senior Yearling: Heifers born between September 1 and December 31 of the second preceding year.
- 13. Champion Heifer
- 14. Reserve Champion Heifer
- 15. Cow and Calf: Cow, any age, with natural calf born after Jan. 1 of current year.
- Champion Cow and Calf
- 17. Reserve Champion Cow and Calf
- 18. Junior Prospect Calf: Male calves born between Jan. 1 and June 1 of the current year, still nursing on cow.
- 19. Champion Prospect Calf
- 20. Reserve Champion Prospect Calf
- 21. Supreme Champion Overall (Includes Classes 13, 16 and 19)

Market Classes - SECTION AO

Classes 22 - 30 are held ONLY during second rotation

Steer classes will be determined based on weights at show so make all entries under Class 22 and we will make class splits after weights.

- 22. Feeder Calf: All steers not nursing dam, under 1000 pounds
- 23. Champion Feeder Calf
- 24. Reserve Champion Feeder Calf
- 25. Light Weight Market Steer

- 26. Medium Weight Market Steer
- 27. Intermediate Weight Market Steer
- 28. Heavy Weight Market Steer
- 29. Champion Steer
- 30. Reserve Champion Steer

Fitting and Showmanship Classes - SECTION AP - 1st Rotation; SECTION AQ - 2nd Rotation; SECTION AR - 3rd Rotation

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

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

EMPIRE MARKET STEER PROGRAM - SECTION AS

35. **The Empire Market Steer Program** will take place during the second rotation. 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 - SECTION AT

36. 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.