

DEPARTMENT 02 YOUTH DAIRY

Superintendent: Jim Budd Home: 734-699-9022; Cell: 734-740-8425

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Show Time: Wednesday - 5:00 p.m.

Stall Fee: \$10.00 per head

Dress Code: All exhibitors must wear white jeans with belt, white shirt, and hard-soled shoes.

Age: 9-20 as of January 1st of the current year.

* Exhibitors 9-years-old as of January 1st of the current year must have an experienced parent in showing dairy or an experienced mentor to show in this Division.

Rules:

1. See General Dairy, Livestock & Exhibitor Dress Code Rules.
2. See General Rules Dairy, Livestock and Horse Division, Rule #20 for Bovine Tuberculosis testing and movement requirements.
3. An exhibitor may show more than one animal per class. If duplicate entries, exhibitors must have a current or previous beef or dairy showman handle their additional animal. Premiums paid only on one animal, if duplicate entries in a class.
4. Senior yearlings in production will show with the two-year olds.
5. In addition to the conformation class, an exhibitor must enter and compete in the Showmanship class, or premiums will be forfeited for this division.
6. Entry deadline is **JULY 15th**. **ALL CLASS ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JULY 15th**. **STALL FEES MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY. Absolutely NO ENTRIES will be accepted after JULY 15th, 2026.**
7. All livestock animals must be on the fairgrounds on Sunday, August 9, 2026, by 2:00 p.m.
8. All dairy cattle must have access to fresh, clean water at all times.
9. All cattle with warts and/or ringworm will not be allowed on the fairgrounds.
10. The use of show products and grooming products is permitted. Clipping, sheering, and trimming of livestock will be permitted. Legal or illegal substances or practices used to artificially alter the conformation or structural appearance of an animal entered in livestock events is prohibited.
11. Animals will not be released from their stalls until August 16, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.
12. All stalls must be cleaned by the youth and inspected by the barn superintendent upon final departure.
13. All barn decorations may be removed after 11:00 p.m. on August 15, 2026. Early removal will result in the loss of all premiums.
14. All in-state cattle moving to Fair, exhibition, show authority, or sale are required to have an official Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Device ear tag. All cattle must be identified with official RFID ear tags prior to movement from any premises.
15. All cattle must be dehorned. Horn stumps must not be over 2 inches in length from the clipped hairline.

DIVISION - 1: Dairy Showmanship

Rule:

1. All 1st and 2nd place showmen will come back in the arena to then compete for Best Overall Showman.

1st Award, Rosette 2nd thru 6th - Rosette

Class:

01. Junior: 9 - 11 years old as of Jan. 1, of the current year
02. Intermediate: 12 - 15 years old as of Jan. 1, of the current year
03. Senior: 16 – 20 years old as of Jan. 1, of the current year

Grand Champion Overall Showman – Award

Reserve Grand Champion Overall Showman - Award

DIVISION - 2: Breeding Animals –All Breeds

1st thru 6th - Rosette

Class:

01. Junior Heifer Calf, calved after Jan 1, 2026
02. Senior Heifer Calf – July 1, 2025 – Dec. 31, 2025.
03. Junior Yearling Heifer – Jan. 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025.
04. Senior Yearling Heifer – July 1, 2024 – Dec 31, 2024.
05. Cow – 2-year-old – July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.
06. Cow – 3-year-old – July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023.
07. Cow – 4-year-old – July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.
08. Cow – 5 years old & older – Before July 1, 2021.
09. Cow – 2 years old & over - Dry

Grand Champion - Best of Show - Award, Rosette

Reserve Champion - Best of Show - Rosette

DEPARTMENT 04 YOUTH BEEF CATTLE

Superintendent: Jim Budd Cell: 734-740-8425

Co-Superintendent Amy Harris 734-216-0047

Show Time: Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.

Stall Fee: \$10.00 per head

Dress Code: All exhibitors must wear blue jeans, a western shirt and hard-soled shoes.

Age: 9-20 as of January 1st of the current year.

* Exhibitors 9 years old as of January 1st of the current year must have an experienced parent in showing cattle or an experienced mentor to show in this division.

Rules:

1. See General Dairy, Livestock Rules, and Exhibitor Dress Code Rules.
2. See General Rules Dairy, Livestock and Horse Division, Rule #20 for Bovine Tuberculosis testing and movement requirements.
3. An exhibitor may show more than one animal per class. If duplicate entries, exhibitors must have a current or previous beef or dairy showman handle their additional animal. Premiums paid only on one animal, if duplicate entries in a class.
4. All beef animals must be dehorned. Horn stumps must not be over 2 inches in length from the clipped hairline.
5. Eligible beef animals must be owned by the exhibitor from March 1st of the year shown.
6. In addition to the conformation class, an exhibitor must enter and compete in the Showmanship class.
7. Entry deadline is **JULY 15th. ALL CLASS ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JULY 15th. STALL FEES MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY. Absolutely NO ENTRIES will be accepted after JULY 15th, 2026!**
8. Grand & Reserve Champion market beef must be sold at Auction.
9. Market animals must be weighed on arrival at Fairgrounds.
10. All market animals shall not be more than 18 months of age as of Fair date.
11. All market animals must be in possession and tagged according to livestock rules. Ear notches or color markings must correspond to the registration papers.
12. Market animals will be judged according to weight. Classes will be divided into Lightweight, Middleweight, and Heavyweight. Weight divisions will be determined after weighing in. Consideration will be given to class size.
13. All cattle with warts and/or ringworm will not be allowed on the fairgrounds.
14. All livestock animals must be on the fairgrounds on Sunday August 9, 2026, by 2:00 p.m.
15. All beef cattle must have access to fresh, clean water at all times.
16. The use of show products and grooming products is permitted. Clipping, sheering, and trimming of livestock will be permitted. Legal or illegal substances or practices used to artificially alter the conformation or structural appearance of an animal entered in livestock events is prohibited.
17. Animals will not be released from their stalls until August 16, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. Market animals may leave with the processor after 11:00 p.m. on Saturday of Fair week. Auction animals may be taken to a livestock sale barn after 11:00 p.m. on Saturday of Fair week.
18. All stalls must be cleaned by the youth and inspected by the barn superintendent upon final departure.
19. All barn decorations may be removed after 11:00 p.m. on August 15, 2026.
20. All in-state cattle moving to Fair, exhibition, show authority, or sale are required to have an official Radio Frequency Identification Device (RFID) ear tag. All cattle must be identified with official RFID ear tags prior to movement from any premises.

DIVISION - 1: Beef Showmanship

Rule:

1. All 1st and 2nd place showmen will come back in the arena to then compete for Best Overall Showman.

1st Award, Rosette 2nd thru 6th - Rosette

Class:

01. Junior: 9 - 11 years old as of Jan. 1, of the current year
02. Intermediate: 12 - 15 Years old as of Jan 1, of the current year
03. Senior: 16 - 20 years old as of Jan. 1, of the current year

Grand Champion Overall Showman – Award

Reserve Grand Champion Overall Showman - Award

DIVISION - 2: Breeding Animals - All Breeds

1st thru 6th - Rosette

Class:

01. Bull calf, born after Aug. 31, 2025.
02. Jr. Heifer, calved after Jan. 1, 2026
03. Sr. Heifer, calved between September 1 & Dec. 31, 2025.
04. Summer Yearling heifer, calved between Jan. 1 & April 30, 2025.
05. Jr. Yearling heifer, calved between May. 1 & August 31, 2025.
06. Sr. Yearling heifer, calved between Sept. 1 & Dec. 31, 2024.
07. Two-year-old heifer, calved between May 1 & Aug. 31, 2024.
08. Cow, 2 years old & over, calved before Sept. 1, 2024.

Grand Champion - Best of Show - Award, Rosette
Reserve Champion - Best of Show - Rosette

DIVISION - 3: Future Beef

Rules:

1. Future Beef animals do not require ear tags as they are not market ready due to age and are not eligible for auction.
2. Future beef must be steers.

1st thru 6th - Rosette

Class:

- 01.. Future Beef

Champion Future Beef - Award, Rosette

DIVISION – 4: Dairy Feeder Calf

Rule: Dairy steer weighing no more than 500 pounds. Ideal weight should be between 300 – 500 pounds.

1st thru 6th - Rosette

Class:

01. Dairy Feeder Calf

Champion – Dairy Feeder Calf – Award, Rosette

DIVISION – 5: Market Heifer:

Rules:

- 1 These animals are judged on market readiness.
- 2 Exhibitors must be the owner of all market livestock.
- 3 \$1.00 per head of cattle sold through the Livestock Auction must be deducted from the Exhibitors auction check for the beef check-off per State of Michigan Statue.

1st thru 6th – Rosette

Class:

01. Lightweight
02. Middleweight
03. Heavyweight

Champion Lightweight – Award, Rosette
Champion Middleweight – Award, Rosette
Champion Heavyweight – Award, Rosette
Grand Champion – Market Heifer Overall – Award, Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Market Heifer –Award, Rosette

DIVISION - 6: Market Steer:

Rules:

1. These animals are judged on market readiness.
2. The exhibitor must be the owner of all market livestock.
3. \$1.00 per head of cattle sold through the Livestock Auction must be deducted from the Exhibitor's auction check for the beef check-off per State of Michigan Statute.

1st thru 6th - Rosette

Class:

01. Lightweight
02. Middleweight
03. Heavyweight

Champion Lightweight - Award, Rosette

Champion Middleweight - Award, Rosette

Champion Heavyweight - Award, Rosette

Grand Champion – Market Steer Overall - Award, Rosette

Reserve Grand Champion – Market Steer Overall - Award, Rosette

