



Arkansas State Fair Spring Show General Information and Rules 2025

Over \$2,500 in added money and prizes

Arkansas State Fair Livestock Central Office

Livestock central office is located in Cattle Barn #3. Livestock Show Management operates from this office during the Arkansas State Fair Spring Show.

Section 1: Exhibitor Eligibility

Junior Shows are restricted to Arkansas 4-H Club members or Arkansas FFA members in good standing at time of the Arkansas State Fair Spring Show.

- Proof of good standing may be requested from the County Agent or Agricultural Education Advisor.
- Exhibitors must have be 5 years of age by May 2, 2025 and exhibitors may not show in a Junior Show any later than the Fall after graduating from high school or receiving a GED certificate or its equivalent regardless of their age.

Section 2: Entry Requirements

Registration: Entries will only be accepted online through Showworks (entries are paid through the same site. All livestock entries must be submitted online by midnight April 30th to avoid the late entry fee. Late entries will be accepted online until 10:00 am May 1st however, late fees will be applied.

Spring Cattle Showdown – Entry Fees		
Entry	Entry Fee (By Midnight April 30th)	Late Entry Fee Thursday, May 1 st until 10:00AM
Breeding Beef	\$35	\$85
Commercial Heifers	\$35	\$85
Prospect Steers	\$35	\$85

Accepted Entries: In all cases, the management reserves the right to accept, reject, or accept conditionally, any entry as it is intended that only such animals shall be entered and shown as havemerit, and will be a credit to both the exhibitor and this exposition. Entries which do not meet eligibility criteria will be disqualified.

You will be able to Validate Steers and Commercial heifers at the show. You will have to order your DNA envelope from the website www.arkansasstatefair.com. For Fall Market Steers ownership deadline and DNA due date is **Monday, May 5th**. For all other market animals and all commercial heifers, ownership and DNA due date is July 15, 2025

Check-In of Animals: All exhibitors must have animal checked in with clerk at designated time(s).

- Arkansas livestock (except for Arkansas sheep, goats, horses, steers, and rabbits) must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within (90) days prior to exhibition per Arkansas Department of Agriculture Exhibition Regulations.
- Animals not checked in at the designated time will be scratched from competition.
- Only original registration certificates will be accepted, regardless of Breed Association requirements. Copies of registration papers will NOT be accepted at check-in. Electronic registration will be accepted if exhibitor is able to log-in to the association website to view registration during check-in. This form of registration is accepted at the discretion of the superintendents or Livestock Director.
- Failure to follow any check in requirement will result in ineligibility to compete.

Animal Inspections: As a condition for participation in the show, every exhibitor must agree to submit any animal entered by exhibitor to inspection by a veterinarian appointed by the show management and agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests as may be designated and requested by show management.

- Animals exhibiting signs of warts or wool fungus will NOT be allowed to show or remain on the fairgrounds.
- The Arkansas State Fair reserves the right to have hair, tissue, blood, or urine laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for competition.
- The conclusions reached by the veterinarian, as to whether an animal has been administered or given a substance or drug in violation of the rules or has not been properly withdrawn from approved drugs shall be final, without recourse against the Arkansas State Fair or show management.
- The Arkansas State Fair reserves the right to collect hair follicles, and/or perform a retinal scan which may be used to perform analysis to verify identification of an entry in the show using the DNA sample or retinal scan collected at the time of enrollment.
- Any, and all samples collected are the property of the Arkansas State Fair and may be compared with samples collected by other fairs or livestock shows to confirm entry identification.
- Any exhibits that test positive for performance altering substances in any preformed test consent to forfeiting awards / premiums and Junior Livestock sale monies, as well as future participation in Arkansas State Fair events.

Premiums: Premiums will be paid on percentages of entries and be mailed to exhibitors at the address submitted in their Showworks profile. Please check exhibitor profiles to make sure this information is correct.

Section 3: Arkansas State Fair Complex Use

Arrival/Release of Livestock: Refer to Livestock Show Schedule for arrival and release times of animals. Non-compliance with show schedule may result in forfeiture of premiums earned.

Truck & Trailer Regulations: Instructions and directions of Arkansas State Fair Security, in regard to traffic and parking, must be followed at all times while on the fairgrounds.

- **All vehicles attending this show must enter through gate 11.**
- Exhibitors may arrive starting at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 1st.
- All trucks and trailers must be moved to the designated areas after unloading.

Stall Assignments: Stall assignments will be on first come, first serve basis using barns 3 & 4. Barns one and two will not be open. Please be mindful of the space you are using.

Care & Custody: Each exhibitor is responsible for the care, showing and selling of his or her own animals until released from the fairgrounds.

- If livestock are not properly cared for, labor, feed requirements, and other necessary items will be supplied, with all costs thereof charged to the exhibitor and all premium money earned by said exhibitor will be withheld.
- All owners of property or livestock, or other persons having same in charge, shall care for, guard, protect, and preserve same so as not to cause injury or damage to any member of the general public, any other exhibitor, or any Arkansas State Fair show management.
- As the Arkansas State Fair does not undertake to do so, it shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage to said property or the owners, handlers, or trainers thereof.
- The Arkansas State Fair, its insurance carriers, and the state of Arkansas are not liable or responsible for and expressly disclaim any liability or responsibility for the acts, failure to act, misconduct, or negligence of any third party relative thereto.
- The official Arkansas State Fair veterinarian may be requested by exhibitors at any point during the fair. Exhibitors should contact show management in the Livestock Show Office for any requests. Exhibitor will be responsible for all charges associated with the request.

Smoking is Prohibited in all barns by order of the Little Rock Fire Marshall.

Feed & Bedding: Exhibitors are responsible for their own feed and bedding.

- Bedding (straw or bagged shavings) will be available for purchase from the hay barn south of the Swine barn or in the Livestock Sales Office in Barn 3.
- Any unauthorized sale or delivery of any feed, hay, or bedding materials is strictly prohibited.
- Only bagged or baled shavings or wood chips, baled straw will be permitted on the grounds.
- If using sawdust bedding, baled shavings must be put down first.

Dogs are Prohibited on fairgrounds; particularly in livestock exhibition areas except for service animals required by law. Questions should be addressed to Arkansas State Fair Security.

Liability: All livestock exhibitors, livestock handlers, livestock trainers, etc. and their livestock will be under the control, supervision, and direction of Arkansas State Fair Show Management. It is agreed as a condition of exhibiting, handling, or training all livestock that the Arkansas State Fair will in no event and under no circumstances be responsible or liable for any loss, injury, or damage that may occur to livestock exhibitors, livestock handlers, livestock trainers, their livestock, and/or the general public. Each exhibitor, handler, or trainer will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited participant or representing parties for its description as given in the general information, rules, and regulations. Exhibitors shall indemnify and hold harmless the Arkansas State Fair, its members, agents, servants, employees, officers, directors, and board of governors from and against all loss, claims, judgments, damages, actions, or causes of action or other proceedings of and brought by third parties including without limitation any member of the general public in regard to and arising from the exhibition or sale of any animals or their transportation to or from the Arkansas State Fair fairgrounds, or other matters or events related thereto, including damage or injury occurring or manifesting itself at any time to any other such person or his or her property, caused directly or indirectly by the exhibitor, their agents or independent contractors, or any of the animals exhibited by participant, arising out of or in any way connected with such exhibition, transportation, or sale of the activities or conduct of any of the animals so exhibited.

Official Photographer: An official livestock photographer will be present on the grounds during the show.

- An official backdrop will be provided for use by the official photographer.
- The Arkansas State Fair Show Management reserves the right to use any photograph for publicity or advertising purposes without the permission or consent of the owner of the livestock.
- Exhibitors winning Grand Champion awards are required to have official photographs taken to receive premiums.
- Only the ASF official photographer is allowed in the showring with exhibitors at any time.

Signs: Livestock exhibitors are permitted to display a sign over each exhibit advertising their own herd.

- Show Management reserves the right to remove any signs deemed inappropriate.
- No commercial or advertising signs will be permitted.
- No signs may be nailed/screwed to walls or fences.

Fire Marshall Regulations: The following rules apply to all livestock barns:

- All streets must be cleared on move-in days. Any unattended vehicle will be towed immediately without notice at the owner's expense.
- The following items are prohibited in all barns:
 - Tents inside barns, tarps, or covered stalls
 - Hot plates, microwaves, slow cookers, televisions, refrigerators
 - Butt fans
 - Generators (inside barns or breezeways)

- The following rules apply to power cords:
 - There will be only one GFCI outlet per grooming area. Any grooming with electricity must be done in grooming areas or inside barns.
 - No power cords can be run from inside the barn to the outside of a barn.
 - Power cords are not allowed to be stretched across the barn isles.
 - In cases of wet conditions exhibitors may not be allowed to use grooming areas or power cords. Show Management will notify exhibitors if this action needs to be taken.
 - Only one power cord allowed per electric outlet. **No quad or duplex boxes will be allowed** on the end of a power cord, and only one dryer, fan, radio, etc. per power outlet.
 - All cords must be heavy-duty commercial cord with a ground. Cords must also be of proper length (do not run 100 ft of cord if 10 ft from outlet).
 - No ragged, taped, or altered cords will be allowed.
- All electrical boxes will remain locked and accessible ONLY to Arkansas State Fair electrical/maintenance department staff.
- The Arkansas State Fair reserves the right to inspect any equipment, cords, electrical connections, etc. at any time. Failure to cooperate with the instructions of state fair personnel will result in immediate disqualification from competition at any Arkansas Livestock Show Association event for a minimum of one year and premiums from the current Arkansas State Fair will be forfeited.

Animal Death: In the event an animal expires on the fairgrounds, the owner or exhibitor of the animal must immediately report the death to the Arkansas State Fair Livestock Office and arrangements will be made for disposal. ASF – Livestock office Barn 3 (501) 372-8341

- DO NOT remove the animal from the exhibit area before notifying and receiving direction from the show management.
- Exhibitors are responsible for any costs related to the disposal of the animal.

Section 4: Show Rules

Decision of Judges/Classifiers: Reputable judges and classifiers are selected by the Arkansas State Fair Show Management and show superintendents.

Interference with Judges/Classifiers: An exhibitor shall not in any way, whether in person or by affiliation, interfere with the judge/classifier during adjudication at Arkansas State Fair or an Arkansas Livestock Show Association event in which the exhibition is participating. Such actions shall call for the Arkansas State Fair show management to exclude said exhibitor from competition and/or from the show ring, as well as withholding of premiums that may have been awarded.

Control of Animals: All open and junior exhibitors must have complete control of their animals in the show ring at all times. If an animal gets away from an exhibitor three (3) times during the class, the exhibitor will be excused from the class and disqualified. If an animal/exhibitor is late once the class has entered the ring, that exhibitor will not be allowed to enter the class and will be disqualified. All breeding cattle and steers for exhibition must be shown with halters and be sufficiently gentle to be properly handled

by one attendant. All bulls, twelve months or older, must be shown with nose ring or nose clip and lead.

Time of Judging: The Livestock Schedule, as published in the Livestock Exhibitor Handbook, will be followed as closely as possible. Exhibitors should ascertain as to what time their exhibits would be judged. Any exhibit not presented promptly on schedule will be ruled out and barred from competition in the class called. No complaint or protest on the grounds that the judge overlooked said exhibits will be considered. Paging for shows is provided as a courtesy by the Arkansas State Fair, but it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to maintain and follow the required schedule.

Disqualified Animals: Should any animal awarded a prize be disqualified, the animals gaining the lower prizes should graduate up into the higher positions next in order above them. If an animal is disqualified after the conclusion of the State Fair Show, the placings will remain the same.

Showing for Adjudication: All exhibitors must bring into the arena for adjudication any animal or animals properly entered in any show class as eligible for competition. No animal will be awarded a prize unless removed from its stall or pen and properly exhibited before the judge in the show ring.

Protests: All protests must be in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$250.00, cash or certified check, which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Livestock Office to show management within two hours after the occasion for such protest. Any protest as to the eligibility on account of age of breeding of animals must be filed with the show management prior to the day on which they are to be judged. In this case, the decision of the Breed Association of Record for the animal(s) in question will stand in accordance with the conclusion of the show management. Protests must be submitted either prior to judging or immediately after the conclusion of class judging. Judging procedures will NOT be interrupted for protest investigation; and depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until a thorough investigation is completed. In addition to the right to protest herein granted to exhibitor, the Arkansas State Fair reserves the right to take cognizance of fraud consummated or attempted in connection with an exhibit and take such action as may be deemed just and proper, and as may be warranted in these premises. No protest or appeal based upon the statement that the judge or judges are incompetent will be considered by the show management. All questions in dispute or difference not covered by these rules will be referred to the show management, whose decision shall be final. The decision of Classifiers, Weigh Masters, Judges, and Veterinarians shall NOT be subject to protest or appeal.

Interpretations and Violations of Rules: The Arkansas State Fair reserves, to its show management, the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with, or incident to the Arkansas State Fair; and the right to amend, interpret, or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. An exhibitor who violates any of the rules will be subject to such penalty as the Livestock Department show management may order.

Official placing book: The judges and superintendent must sign the placing book after each show. The judge and superintendent should use special care to see that each class is properly recorded in the placing book.

Discourtesy/Disobedience: Any act of discourtesy or disobedience to Arkansas State Fair officials on the part of the exhibitor, parents, or sponsors will disqualify exhibitor from the contest, and the owner shall forfeit their entrance and other fees. Junior exhibitors will be expected to adhere to the 4-H Code of Conduct and/or FFA Code of Ethics while participating in all Arkansas State Fair events.

Arkansas State Fair livestock department strives to create an atmosphere that encourages good character, accountability and ethical decision making. The International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) National Code of Show Ring Ethics outlines a number of specific guidelines for all exhibitors and others involved with 4-H/FFA livestock projects.

In summary, these guidelines expect the following:

1. Exhibitors: Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Exhibitors in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations that they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.
2. Leaders: All leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Parents, owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from further competition.

Delinquent Acts: If an exhibitor is caught having any involvement in any delinquent act or being involved with prohibited act and or a disqualified entry, they may be removed from the grounds, forfeiting any further competition, awards, premiums, sale slots, and/or proceeds. Fees will not be reimbursed, and the exhibitor may be barred from future competition at the Arkansas State Fair or any Arkansas Livestock Show Association event.

Delinquent Acts include but are not limited to vandalism, use of alcohol or drugs, and aggressive or violent behavior.

<http://fairsandexpos.com/document/iafe-show-ring-code-of-ethics/>

Prohibited Acts: The following actions are prohibited at the Arkansas State Fair.

- The injection, use, or administration of any drug to the animal that is prohibited by Federal, State, or Local Law or any drug that is used in a manner prohibited by Federal, State, or Local Law.
- The **injection or internal or external administration** of any product or material, whether gas, solid, or liquid to an animal for the purpose of deception, including concealing, enhancing, or transforming the true conformation, configuration, color, breed, condition, or age or by making the animal appear more sound than would otherwise appear.
- Being found in possession of stomach pumping equipment. Treatment of severely sick or dehydrated animals must be pre-approved by show management and administered by an Arkansas State Fair approved veterinarian.
- Unethical Fitting: Unethical fitting means any alteration of the natural appearance, conformation, musculature, or weight of an animal by any unnatural means. Such alterations do not include common and accepted animal husbandry practices. Animals showing any signs of being unethically fitted will be subject to disqualification.
 - Examples of unethical fitting include, but are not limited to the following:
 - application of any substance to any part of the animal's body, unless specifically allowed in the department rules of that species; injection, drenching or application of any substance per rectum is prohibited.
 - use of injections
 - draining of fluids
 - bruising
 - feeding of material not conducive to the health of the animal, safety of food or marketability of its carcass
 - surgical alterations
 - artificially filling animals by stomach pumping or airing injections.
- The administration, use or application of any drug or feed additive affecting the central nervous system.
- The administration of diuretics for cosmetic purposes, tissue manipulation, removal, surgical attachment, or otherwise change, conceal, enhance, or transform the true conformation or configuration of the animal. Attached to the hide foreign objects including hair or hair substitutes, cloth, or fiber for the purpose of deception.
- Any physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural musculature or weight by use of injections or ingested material not conducive to the continued health or marketability of livestock for deception.
- Violations of the Wholesome Meat Act.
- Violations of the International Association of Fairs & Expositions National Code of Show Ring Ethics <http://fairsandexpos.com/document/iafe-show-ring-code-of-ethics/>

- Violations of the Arkansas State Fair ownership requirements or care and custody rules listed in this handbook. This includes the manipulation of documents or providing false statements as to affect ownership of an animal and its eligibility to be exhibited at the Arkansas State Fair.
- **Added hair or other material, natural or man-made (excluding false switches).**
- Altering of hooves using unnatural products.

Drenching: Drenching of animals using appropriate methods is allowed in designated areas including wash racks, tie-outs, and in grooming chutes/stands.

Exhibitor Responsibility: It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to follow all rules contained herein. Extent of knowledge on the part of an exhibitor regarding the animal being subject to any prohibited act is not relevant to any issue, and it shall not be a defense that a person or persons unknown subjected the animal to any prohibited act.

- **Erroneous Entries:** At the discretion of Show Management, exhibits that have been erroneously entered may be transferred to their proper classes prior to judging. Show Management will decide the disposition of each case of erroneous entry upon its merits.
- **Entry Deadline Dates:** Entry deadlines are strictly enforced.

Penalties: Any exhibitor who violates any of the rules contained herein, or whose animal has been found to be in violation of the rules is subject to such penalties as the management may order, including but not limited to:

- Such animal being barred from competition at the Arkansas State Fair or any Arkansas Livestock Show Association event.
- The exhibitor being barred from entering/or participating at the Arkansas State Fair or any Arkansas Livestock Show Association event.
- The exhibitor, the exhibitor's family, representative or agents of the exhibitor; or all of them being barred from any further participation in the Arkansas State Fair.
- Violator's name and address being reported to the National Association of Livestock Show & Rodeo Managers' Association Rule Infraction Database (<https://www.nalsrma.org>). Being reported in this database may result in disqualification from any national livestock show. If an exhibitor is listed in this database, they may not be allowed to participate in any event held at the Arkansas State Fair or any Arkansas Livestock Show Association event.
- Awards and premiums being withheld. In the event any awards or premiums have been given by the Arkansas State Fair to animal in violation of these rules, the exhibitor will, upon demand by the Arkansas State Fair, immediately return all award and premiums given to such animal.
- All money earned at the Arkansas State Fair Junior Livestock Sale being withheld.
- Exhibitor being liable to the Arkansas State Fair and shall indemnify and hold the Arkansas State Fair harmless from all damages, including but not limited to all expenses and costs for blood, tissue, urine, hide and/or carcass sampling and testing, State Fair management labor and expenses, consultant legal and court costs incurred as a result of violations of Arkansas State Fair rules and regulations.

- Violation penalties are as follows: first infraction – exhibitor will be barred from Arkansas State Fair Livestock Shows for one year. Second infraction – exhibitor will be barred from Arkansas State Fair Shows for three years. Third infraction – exhibitor may be barred from any further participation in Arkansas State Fair Livestock Shows or events. All penalties are at the discretion of the Livestock Director/Show Management.

Right of Decision Review: If an exhibitor is subject to any penalty or violation under these rules, the exhibitor has the right to have the decision reviewed by the Arkansas State Fair. Exhibitors must contact the Livestock Office to obtain the procedure for review. The basis for review must be submitted within seven days of being notified by the show management of the decision made.

Specific Rules may apply for individual shows and will be listed in Livestock Handbook in appropriate locations.

Ownership:

JUNIOR EXHIBITORS:

- Exhibitor must own the animal being shown.
- Registered animals can have siblings listed on registration papers. Stipulations – must live in the same household, all listed must be eligible as Junior State Fair exhibitors. **Cannot** have chapter ownerships, club ownerships or farm names on registration papers.
- Clean ear rule is in effect for market shows. No identification tags other than state or federal issued tags.

Care & Custody: All animals must remain in the continuous possession of the exhibitor during the duration of the project and must be personally cared for by the exhibitor. Arkansas State Fair officials reserve the right to inspect ownership and request specific information regarding care and custody of an animal at any time during the duration of the project.

Fitting, Grooming, and Animal Care: The primary care of all junior livestock entries is to be performed by the exhibitor whose name appears on the entry form. The exhibitor must be always present during the fitting when assistance is being provided except such times as the exhibitor may be exhibiting livestock in another class.

Showing Animals: Exhibitors will be required to show their own animal.

- Substitute exhibitors may be requested and approved for the following reasons:
 - Sickness or a physical injury documented by a physician.
 - Conflicts with animals being exhibited in other species.
 - Two animals in the same class
 - A pre-approved 4-H, FFA, or other Arkansas State Fair competition.
- Other school activities may qualify for a substitution request if pre-approved by the Arkansas State Fair Management.
- Approval must be obtained for a substitute showman prior to the start of show.

- Any substitute exhibitor must be a member of Arkansas 4-H or FFA that has a current junior livestock entry.
- In no case may a parent, agent, breeder, professional (paid/nonpaid) or advisor present or assist with presentation of any animal.

Showmanship: Arkansas State Fair Showmanship competitions are divided in to three divisions:

- Pee Wee Division – Ages 5 to 8
- Junior Division – Ages 9 to 13
- Senior Division – Ages 14 and up (must meet Arkansas State Fair Junior Show eligibility)
- Base date for computing showmanship competition age is May 2, 2025.
- Showmanship exhibitor must own the animal shown in showmanship competitions and exhibitor must be entered in at least one class besides showmanship.

Awards: Awards (Banners, Buckles, etc..) will be awarded to breeds that meet the minimum number of paid entries specified by each breed. These standards will be listed in the Handbook for each species.

Drug Testing & DNA Comparison Procedures: All animals qualifying for the Sale of Champions and alternates are required to submit a urine test and are also required to have a DNA Sample pulled to be compared to the sample submitted during validation. The Arkansas State Fair reserves the right to pull urine or DNA from any animal entered in the Arkansas State Fair and submit the sample for testing.

- Once a urine sample has been collected, it will be sealed and signed by the exhibitor, a parent or guardian (may be an advisor or agent). Animals may not leave the collection area until an adult signature has been acquired on the specimen jars.
- Once all samples have been collected, specimen will be transported to a secure facility as determined by the Arkansas Livestock & Poultry Commission to be tested for drug violations.
- Any violations found will be submitted to Arkansas State Fair show management for review.
- Should extra DNA testing be required, and is approved by show management, to remedy any problem, will be responsible for the costs associated with the additional test.

Section 5: Spring Beef Cattle Show

The Arkansas State Fair will host a junior beef cattle show May 2-3rd.

The ASF Spring Cattle Showdown will be a premium show and exhibitors will be allowed to fit. Breeding bulls will compete for the top 5 overall. Breeding females will compete for the top 5 overall. Commercial Heifers will show as English, American, or Exotic and will compete for top 5. Prospect Steers will be classified using the classifications at the end of this document and will compete for an overall top 5. Showmanship will be a blow and go show on Friday evening.

<u>2025 Arkansas State Fair</u> <u>Recognized Breed Shows</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AOB – American• AOB – English• AOB – Exotic• AOB - Mini• Angus• Beefmaster• Brahman• Brangus• Charolais• Charolais Plus• Chianina• Hereford	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lim Lim / Flex• Maine-Anjou• Maintainer• Mini Hereford• Red Angus• Santa Gertrudis• Shorthorn• Shorthorn Plus• Simmental• Percentage Simmental (Sim Sol)• Star Five

Beef Cattle Show Classes

Female Classes		
1	Heifers calved between Nov 1 and Dec 31, 2024	Premium
2	Heifers calved between Sept 1 and October 31, 2024	Premium
3	Heifers calved between July 1 and Aug 31, 2024	Premium
4	Heifers calved between May 1 and June 30, 2024	Premium
5	Heifers calved between March 1 and April 30, 2024	Premium
6	Heifers calved between Jan 1 and Feb 29, 2024	Premium
7	Heifers calved between Nov 1 and Dec 31, 2023	Premium
8	Heifers calved between Sept 1 and Oct 31, 2023	Premium
9	Heifers calved between July 1 and Aug 31, 2023	Premium
10	Heifers calved between May 1 and June 30, 2023	Premium
	CHAMPION FEMALE	BANNER
	RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE	BANNER
Bull Classes		
13	Bulls calved between Nov 1 and Dec 31, 2024	Premium
14	Bulls calved between Sept 1 and Oct 31, 2024	Premium
15	Bulls calved between July 1 and Aug 31, 2024	Premium
16	Bulls calved between May 1 and June 30, 2024	Premium
17	Bulls calved between March 1 and April 30, 2024	Premium
18	Bulls calved between Jan 1 and Feb 29, 2024	Premium
19	Bulls calved between Nov 1 and Dec 31, 2023	Premium
20	Bulls calved between Sept 1 and Oct 31, 2023	Premium
21	Bulls calved between July 1 and Aug 31, 2023	Premium
22	Bulls calved between May 1 and June 30, 2023	Premium
	CHAMPION BULL	BANNER
	RESERVE CHAMPION BULL	BANNER

Junior Commercial Heifers

- Commercial Heifers are defined as any crossbred female or any percentage female not eligible for registration with any purebred breed association.
- No horned heifers or heifers with scurs will be eligible to participate.

Commercial Heifer Show Premiums

Payouts will be based on percentages of entries.

COMMERCIAL HEIFERS

American Commercial – Must exhibit characteristics of Brahman, Simbrah, Santa Gertrudis, Beefmaster, Brangus (Hair length cannot exceed ¼ inch)

English Commercial – Must exhibit characteristics Angus, Hereford, Shorthorn, Red Poll, Red Angus

Exotic Commercial - Must exhibit characteristics Charolais, Gelbvieh, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, Salers, Simmental, Chianina, Tarentaise

Junior Prospect Steers

Show classes will be divided by breed by weight.

Exhibitors will declare show weights. A 5% weigh-back policy is in place for the market steer show. All class champions will be weighed back, and all steers are subject to weigh back at discretion of show management.

Market Steers will be shown in the following divisions:

- Angus Influenced
- American Influenced
- Charolais Influenced
- Chianina Influenced
- Hereford Influenced (*probation year)
- Limousin Influenced
- Maine-Anjou Influenced
- Shorthorn Influenced
- Simmental Influenced
- Crossbred
- Slick Sheared

Any Division may be split into classes/divisions as show management see fit by weight

*Divisions/Breeds on probation must meet the 5 head entry requirement to remain as an option the next year. If the requirement isn't met, the entry will be moved to AOB or crossbred.

Market Steer Show Premiums - Payouts will be based on percentages of entries.



Arkansas State Fair

2025 Steer & Commercial Heifer Classifications



Market Steer ownership deadline is Monday, May 5, 2025. DNA must be postmarked by Monday, May 5, 2025 for market steers. Commercial Heifer ownership deadline is July 15, 2025. DNA must be post marked by July 15, 2025 for commercial heifers.

Registration papers, breeder affidavits, or other paperwork will not be considered in the classification process. Eligibility for the class is determined only by visual appraisal, as evaluated by classifiers appointed by show management.

AMERICAN

Physical evidence of Brahman, Brangus, Beefmaster, Santa Gertrudis, Simbrah background is important and includes ear length, ear shape, amount of hide, and hump/crest. Evidence of 3/8 minimum Bos Indicus. Shown Slick with hair length of 1/4th inch.

Acceptable Breed Characteristics: Any color (or color pattern). Progression of importance to include Bos indicus influenced head (longer from eye-to-nose than from eye-to-poll), eye (e.g., almond shaped), ear of adequate length (slightly drooping, slightly tapering at the end, and opening down and forward), showing Bos indicus-influenced sheath, crest (or evidence of hump), with adequate Bos indicus head, eye, and ear characteristics (sheath score is of less importance).

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics: Bos taurus head, short ear, eye, sheath score of 1, slick neck (lack of crest or evidence of hump).

Absolute Disqualifications: A combination of a Bos taurus head, eye, and ear.

ANGUS

Acceptable Breed Characteristics: Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Angus. Solid black, polled (i.e., born without horns), needs to have a sheath that is round and perpendicular to the ground, Angus-type ear set, small to moderate ear size sitting high on the head and tying horizontally into the poll.

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics: Continental breed type structure (being coarse about his joints, not to be confused with big-boned cattle) and head, bumps or a ridge where horns would be on a horned animal, birthmarks or white hair in the switch should be reviewed for the skin color (black skin color is acceptable; white or pink skin is a disqualification), non-Angus-type ear set (ear set and excessive ear size as in Continental breeds), large navels and angular sheaths.

Absolute Disqualifications: White skin resulting in white hair above the underline or in the front of the navel (white on the navel is acceptable), white skin resulting in white hair on the leg, foot, or tail, horns or scurs, brindle, diluter color pattern, dehorning scars, double muscling, defined ridge/bump running vertically from the center of the skull into the poll (i.e., TH Bump).

CHAROLAIS

Acceptable Breed Characteristics Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a 50 percent purebred or purebred Charolais. White, yellow, gray, or silver in color, clean underline.

Absolute Disqualification: Black, red, dark smuts, excessive painting, or spotting, visible dairy influence, hump or floppy ears, visible sheath or Brahman influence.

CHIANINA

Acceptable Breed Characteristics: Live animal entry requirements will be as follows: 1. Range in color from white to steel gray to black, black pigmented skin, typical beef type confirmation, clean underline.

Absolute Disqualifications: Visible dairy influence, hump or floppy ears, visible sheath, visible Brahman influence.

HEREFORD

Ideal Breed Characteristics: Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Hereford. Some white on the back of both ears, red body with white face, white underline, some white on lower 1/3 of leg, traditional feather on neck, horned Herefords must show evidence of being dehorned.

Acceptable Breed Characteristics: (These characteristics are not necessarily desirable and in combination may be discriminating.), dark red color, red neck, eye pigment, solid red ear(s), black hair in tail (or ear of animal), freckling on the nose/face, white above switch in tail, white across rump above the twist, white on legs, white above the underline.

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics: Solid white ear(s), larger ear size, straight-line white markings on legs or tail above the switch, white above the hocks (on the outside and back side of rear legs), excess pigment or color around the eyes, red neck in combination with excess white on legs, excessive line back, coarse joints. **HEAD:** Dish head, excessive long head, Roman nose, extreme muscle definition.

Absolute Disqualifications: Solid black nose, diluter color pattern, streaking of white from the feather off the shoulder, brindles, double muscling, any color pattern other than red or white (birthmarks excluded), excessive black hair on legs.

LIMOUSIN

Acceptable Breed Characteristics: Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a Limousin. Head character, eye(s) – Deeper socket, prominent brow, light pigment around eye on reds, poll – Typically have a wider poll, ear(s) – Tends to be smaller and set lower on head, muzzle – Tends to be short, sheath – Tends to have a forward angle. Legs/foot - Tends to be smooth-jointed, tends to be flat-boned, tends to be smooth-shouldered.

Acceptable color: Solid black, red/orange, light red, charcoal black, chocolate black, orange, bald-face, or brockle-face, brindle color pattern will be allowed—providing it does not extend below the mid-rib of the body.

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics: Head character issues (i.e., roman nose), coarse joints/skeleton, coarse open shoulders, pointed poll, bigger and more elongated ears/high ear set, pencil sheath (e.g., hanging straight down), excessive crest, yellow color, red cattle with black nose, diluter gene, excessive dappling.

Absolute Disqualifications: Stocking leg(s) with white extending above the dew claw, brindle below the mid-rib, spotting above the underline, roans, gray, silver, or white, monkey/parrot mouth, shows an excessive influence of another breed other than Limousin.

MAINE ANJOU

Acceptable Breed Characteristics: Solid red, solid black, red and white, black and white, heavy skeletal structure, cattle may have black hair on the tail, muzzle, face, neck, and legs.

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics: Slight brindling on topline and down toward the loin edge, signs of feathering on the neck, Maine Anjou brindling guidelines.

Absolute Disqualifications: Brindle (down past the topline, extending onto the rib and down), roans, diluter color pattern (e.g., yellow, orange, gray), appears to be more than 50 percent of any other breed.

SHORTHORN UPDATED

Acceptable Breed Classifications: Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Shorthorn. Red with white hair in tail switch, white with red hair or red pigment on ear, muzzle, anus, or tail, any combination of red and white, with the red and white color pattern bleeding together. Blue roan is acceptable

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics: Orange or light red color, black nose pigment, coarse head, coarse joints/structure, solid red with red tail switch, round muscle pattern.

Absolute Disqualifications: Diluter color pattern (e.g., yellow or yellow roan), blacks, or grays, brindle, solid white with no red pigment on the ears, tail, or anus, motley-face or brockle-face, black hair (any location)

SIMMENTAL

Acceptable Breed Characteristics: Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Simmental. Typically, longer head and larger ears, lower ear set, heavy skeletal structure. Acceptable colors and patterns: Solid black or red, red and white, black and white, or yellow and white; bald, blaze, or streak-face. Some painting above the underline (no bleeding of colors) (i.e., spotting).

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics: Excessive spotting, excessive white above the underline, motley, brockle, star, or diamond-shaped white in the head. Excessive white on the tail above the switch. Refined skeletal makeup.

Absolute Disqualifications: Shows excessive influence of another breed type other than Simmental. Silver, smoke, white, smut, gray, or any combination of these, solid yellow or orange, brindle, roans, skunk tail.

SLICK-SHEAR Steers' hair must be shorn/clipped to no more than 1/4" length on any location of the body excluding the ears and excluding the tail switch (any hair on the tail not sheared and left on the tail above the tail switch shall not be more than 6" above the end of the cartilage of the tail).

CROSSBRED Any steer that does not satisfy the requirements of one of the above breeds will only have the option to be in the crossbred division.

COMMERCIAL HEIFERS

- American Commercial – Must exhibit characteristics of Brahman, Simbrah, Santa Gertrudis, Beefmaster, & Brangus
 - Shown Slick with hair length of 1/4th inch, Evidence of 3/8 minimum Bos Indicus
- English Commercial – Must exhibit characteristics Angus, Hereford, Shorthorn, Red Poll, Red Angus
- Exotic Commercial - Must exhibit characteristics Charolais, Gelbvieh, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, Salers, Simmental, Chianina, & Tarentaise