

**Please be aware that
Exhibitors entering
into these classes
must also be familiar
with the General
Rules and Livestock
Rule**

LIVESTOCK

DEPARTMENT 4 – BEEF



Chairman: Bruce Foster
CO-SUPERINTENDENTS: DIANA BRUNKE & MICHELLE PRUETT
ASST. SUPERINTENDENTS: JONATHAN STELTER

Registration Deadlines:

Carcass class - Feb. 1, 2026

Market Beef - Feb. 1, 2026

Breeding - June 1, 2026

Pre Fair Barn Set up - Wednesday, August 12 @ 5:30 p.m.

ALL BEEF JUDGING IS IN THE SHOW ARENA

FAIR WEEK SCHEDULE:

Health Check – SUNDAY: 6:00 a.m. - Noon

Animal Cert. Form turned in at Health Check

Entry -- SUNDAY: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Judging -- Wednesday: 8:30 a.m.

Auction -- Friday: 12:00 noon

Sweepstakes -- Saturday: 12:00 Noon

Large Animal Showmanship

Exhibit Release – Sunday 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

(Mkt on Saturday 11:30 p.m.)

ALL ANIMALS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE

OFFICIAL MDARD ELECTRONIC

IDENTIFICATION TAG NUMBER LISTED ON THE ENTRY FORM. (If pending, must call office by July 29th)

This must be an RFID tag that has been put in the left ear. To obtain tags please call: 1-888-565-8626.

Exhibitor must take responsibility to refer to BCYF General Rules, Regulations & Policies of Procedure, as well as BCYF Livestock Rules (if applicable), Department and Class Rules.

See page 15 for link for body scoring guidelines.

- A. All Beef classes are major exhibits.
- B. An exhibitor may exhibit 2 entries in each beef breeding class, but no more than two market animals.
- C. Market animals must be weighed on beef scales prior to assignment of the stalls on entry day.
- D. All beef females, Hereford, Angus, Simmental, Shorthorn, Chianina and Any Other Registered Breed are to be registered. Commercial breed females are exempt. Commercial breed females should be at least 50% beef breeding.
- E. Scurs are acceptable, horns no more than 2 inches. Final judgement made by beef committee.
- F. Final decision of class for any animal in question will be decided upon by the beef barn superintendent(s) and Assistant Superintendent(s), the beef committee chairman, and youth exhibit coordinator in conjunction

with Fair Board rules and regulations any time prior to close of entry day.

- G. Each animal shall be double tied with a halter and a neck tie while in the barn.
 - H. Any heifer shown in market class must be open, guaranteed not bred.
 - I. A market heifer registered by February 1st may be changed to a breeding heifer class at June registration. Animal may only show in one class.
 - J. Animals tagged at weigh in may only be exhibited by that exhibitor.
 - K. All beef market animals must be registered in the correct class at weigh in time. Crossbred animals; Exhibitor should know the breeds of the Cross.
 - L. Breed steers do not require registration papers. However, breed characteristics must be followed in accordance with their national breed registry that corresponds with the breed class entered on entry forms. Any breed steer that is deemed non-compliant due to breed characteristics will automatically be placed in the crossbred market steer class. Breed verification will take place either at weigh-in or prior to 4 p.m. on entry day. **NOTE:** All Angus market animals must be polled (no scurs). Angus that are found to have scurs, even if the exhibitor has registration papers, will be moved to the crossbred division.
 - M. If there are no participants in a market beef breed class for two consecutive years, the class will be eliminated.
 - N. Small rosettes will be awarded to 1st & 2nd place winners in market weight, Beef Breeding and feeder calf classes.
 - O. All Beef Breeding female livestock must be owned by a breeder residing in Berrien County, and **exhibitor must have done at least 50% of the care.**
 - P. Exhibitors having registered breeding stock must bring their registration papers to the weigh-in area during weigh-in hours on Sunday of Fair for breed verification.
 - Q. Any animal shown in a Showmanship class MUST be entered by the exhibitor showing the animal.
 - R. Refer to www.michigan.gov/mdard for complete official ID rules and MDARD Health Rules also available in office.
 - S. Exhibitor must be present during judging of Champion class to be eligible to win.
 - T. No grooming chutes allowed in barn before 4:00 a.m. show day and removed from barn 1 hour after show.
- BANNERS WILL BE AWARDED TO 1ST & 2ND PLACE WINNERS IN ALL CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES.**
If Banner awarded, no rosette ribbon will be given.

SHOWMANSHIP

Dept. 4 – Div. 1

Premiums for Showmanship Classes are:

1st - Trophy & \$5.00, 2nd-\$4.00, 3rd-\$3.00, 4th-\$2.00, 5th-\$2.00. Placing Rosettes awarded to all winners.

- **Sr. Division**, Exh. 16 - 20 years.
Chuck Noffke Trophy (be12c) Banner
- **Intermediate Division**, Exh. 13 - 15 yrs.
Chuck Durm Trophy (be13c) Banner
- **Jr. Division**, Exh. 9 - 12 yrs.
Lester Sebasty Family Trophy (be14r) Banner

- **Yng Jr. Division**, Exh. 6 - 8 yrs.
Patti Cuthbert White Trophy (be15r) Banner
- **5 yr. Old Division**,
TCG Cattle Company Trophy (be53r) Banner
- **Grand Champion Beef Showmanship**
Lakeview Farms - Belt Buckle
- **Reserve Grand Champion Beef Showmanship**
Brunke Chiangus Farms - Belt Buckle

BEEF BREEDING Dept. 4 – Div. 1

HEREFORD Dept. 4 – Div. 1

- Premium:** A-7.50, B-6.00, C-4.50
92. **Hereford hfr calf**, born 1/1/26 & after
Premium classes 93 – 97, A-9.00, B-7.50, C-6.00
93. **Hereford yrlg hfr**, born 9/1/25 - 12/31/25
94. **Hereford yrlg hfr**, born 6/1/25 - 8/31/25
95. **Hereford yrlg hfr**, born 3/1/25 - 5/31/25
96. **Hereford yrlg hfr**, born 1/1/25 - 2/28/25
97. **Hereford yrlg hfr**, born, 9/1/24 - 12/31/24
98. **Hereford Cow**, 2 yrs & over
A-12.00, B-9.00, C-6.00
99. **Hereford Cow & Calf**
A-15.00, B-13.50, C-12.00
- **Champion Hereford Female**.
Rodney Jannert Trophy (be28r) & \$22.50
 - **Res Ch. Hereford Female**-\$15.00
Doug Clark Memorial Trophy (be39r)

ANGUS Dept. 4 – Div. 1

- Premium:** A-7.50, B-6.00, C-4.50
103. **Angus hfr calf** born 1/1/26 & after
Premium classes 104-108, A-9.00, B-7.50, C-6.00
104. **Angus yrlg hfr**, born 9/1/25 - 12/31/25
105. **Angus yrlg hfr**, born 6/1/25 - 8/31/25
106. **Angus yrlg hfr**, born 3/1/25 - 5/31/25
107. **Angus yrlg hfr**, born 1/1/25 - 2/28/25
108. **Angus yrlg hfr**, born 9/1/24 - 12/31/24
109. **Angus Cow**, 2 years & over.
A-12.00, B-9.00, C-6.00
110. **Angus Cow & Calf**
A-15.00, B-13.50, C-12.00
- **Champion Angus Female** - \$22.50
Seldom Rest Farm Trophy (be30r)
 - **Res. Champ Angus Female** - \$15.00
Corissa Coleman-Johnson Trophy (be38r)

SIMMENTAL Dept. 4 – Div. 1

- Premium:** A-7.50, B-6.00, C-4.50
113. **Simmental hfr calf**, born 1/1/26 & after
Premium classes 114 - 118, A-9.00, B-7.50, C-6.00
114. **Simmental yrlg hfr**, born 9/1/25 - 12/31/25
115. **Simmental yrlg hfr**, born 6/1/25 - 8/31/25
116. **Simmental yrlg hfr**, born 3/1/25 - 5/31/25
117. **Simmental yrlg hfr**, born 1/1/25 - 2/28/25
118. **Simmental yrlg hfr**, born, 9/1/24 - 12/31/24
119. **Simmental Cow**, 2 yrs. & over
A-12.00, B-9.00, C-6.00
120. **Simmental Cow & Calf**.

A-15.00, B-13.50, C-12.00

- **Champion Simmental Female** - \$22.50
Kylie Ann Brunke Trophy (be31r)
- **Res Ch. Simmental Female**-\$15.00
Jannert Farms Trophy (be32r)

CHIANINA Dept. 4 – Div 1

- Premium:** A-7.50, B-6.00, C-4.50
123. **Chianina hfr calf**, born 1/1/26 & after
Premium classes 124 - 128, A-9.00, B-7.50, C-6.00
124. **Chianina yrlg hfr**, born 9/1/25 - 12/31/25
125. **Chianina yrlg hfr**, born 6/1/25 - 8/31/25
126. **Chianina yrlg hfr**, born 3/1/25 - 5/31/25
127. **Chianina yrlg hfr**, born 1/1/2025 - 2/28/25
128. **Chianina yrlg. hfr**, born 9/1/24 - 12/31/24
129. **Chianina Cow**, 2 yrs. & over
A-12.00, B-9.00, C-6.00
130. **Chianina Cow & Calf**.
A-15.00, B-13.50, C-12.00
- **Champion Chianina Female** - \$22.50
Kylie Ann Brunke Trophy (be33r)
 - **Res Ch. Chianina Female**-\$15.00
Zeilke Brothers Trophy (be35r)

SHORTHORN Dept. 4 – Div 1

- Premium:** A-7.50, B-6.00, C-4.50
133. **Shorthorn hfr calf**, born 1/1/26 & after
Premium classes 134 – 138, A-9.00, B-7.50, C-6.00
134. **Shorthorn yrlg hfr**, born 9/1/25 - 12/31/25
135. **Shorthorn yrlg hfr**, born 6/1/25 - 8/31/25
136. **Shorthorn yrlg hfr**, born 3/1/25 - 5/31/25
137. **Shorthorn yrlg hfr**, born 1/1/25 - 2/28/25
138. **Shorthorn yrlg hfr**, born 9/1/24 - 12/31/24
139. **Shorthorn Cow**, 2 yrs. & over
A-12.00, B-9.00, C-6.00
140. **Shorthorn Cow & Calf**.
A-15.00, B-13.50, C-12.00
- **Champion Shorthorn Female** - \$22.50
Lakeview Farms Trophy (be36 r)
 - **Res Ch. Shorthorn Female**-\$15.00
Kuntz's 4-M Cattle Farm Trophy (be34r)

ANY OTHER REGISTERED BREEDS (AORB) Dept. 4 – Div 1

- Premium:** A-7.50, B-6.00, C-4.50
143. **AORB female hfr calf**, born 1/1/25 & after
Premium classes 144 - 148, A-9.00, B-7.50, C-6.00
144. **AORB female yrlg hfr**, born 9/1/25 - 12/31/25
145. **AORB female yrlg hfr**, born 6/1/25 - 8/31/25
146. **AORB female yrlg hfr**, born 3/1/25 - 5/31/25
147. **AORB female yrlg hfr**, born 1/1/25 - 2/28/25
148. **AORB female yrlg hfr**, born 9/1/24 - 12/31/24
149. **AORB female, Cow**, 2 yrs. & up
A-12.00, B-9.00, C-6.00
150. **Any other registered breed Cow & Calf**
A-15.00, B-13.50, C-12.00
- **Champion Female, Any Other Reg. Breed**
Bruce E. Pastryk Memorial Trophy (be64r) & \$22.50

- **Res. Champ. Female, Any Other Reg. Breed**
Michael G. Kuhn Memorial Trophy (be65r) & \$15.00
- 153. Commercial Beef Female Heifer**, shown by weight
A-12.00, B-9.00, C-6.00
- 154. Commercial Beef Female Cow & Calf**
A-15.00, B-13.50, C-12.00
- **Champion Commercial Beef Female**
Krieger Simmental Farm Trophy (be29c) & \$22.50
- **Reserve Champion Commercial Beef Female**
Scott Brunke Trophy (be37r) & \$15.00
- **Grand Champion Beef Female**
Megan & Kylie Brunke Trophy (be26r)
- **Res. Grand Champ. Beef Female**
Bruce Foster Trophy (be27r)
- 3rd place overall - Al & Lori Wesner Trophy (be57r)
- 4th place overall - Robert & Diana Brunke Trophy (be56r)
- 5th place overall - Kaminski Farms Trophy (be61r)
Banners for 3rd - 5th

BEEF FEEDER CALVES

Dept. 4 – Div 1

General Rules:

1. The exhibitor must own all calves no later than June 1st of current year.
2. Calf must be born between Jan. 1st & June 1st of current yr. Dairy Feeder calves may be born Nov 1st of previous year thru June 1st of current year.
3. Only steer calves may be shown, no bull or heifer calves. A calf may still be nursing ONLY if the cow is also entered and exhibited in the beef breeding division. All other calves must be weaned.
4. All calves must be de-horned.
5. Calves are required to have an RFID tag & comply with all State & Federal Health regulations. See www.michigan.gov/mda or available in office.
6. No min. or max. weight requirement for calves.
7. Calves will be shown according to weight.
7. Feeder calves are not eligible to be auctioned.

- 162. British Beef Feeder Calf** (all Angus, Herefords & Shorthorns) A-4.50, B-3.75, C-3.00
- **Champion British Beef Feeder Calf**
YellowGateFarm, Gary/Bonnie Rehmel Trophy (be42r)
- **Res. Champ. British Beef Feeder Calf**
InLovingMemory of Aunt Lisa Bloom Trophy (be43r)
- 165. All Other Beef Breed Feeder Calf**
A-4.50, B-3.75, C-3.00
- **Champ. All Other Beef Breed Feeder Calf**
TCG Cattle Company Trophy (be41c)
- **Res. Ch. All Other Beef Breed Feeder Calf**
Kate Jasper Trophy (be44r)
- 168. Dairy Feeder Calf (100% Dairy breeding)**
A-4.50, B-3.75, C-3.00
- **Champion Dairy Feeder Calf**
The Terry Koebel Family Trophy (be45r)
- **Reserve Champion Dairy Feeder Calf**
Roberts Dairy Trophy (be17r)
- **Grand Champ. Feeder Calf**
Megan Brunke Trophy (be51r)

- **Res. Grand Champ. Feeder Calf**
Thomas Durm Trophy (be54r)

MARKET BEEF

Dept. 4 – Div. 2

- **All Market Beef & Carcass Class are weighed in on February 14th 2026 at the Beef scale from 8am-11am**

BEEF CARCASS CLASS

- 1st LIVE Beef Evaluation Show
When: Monday, Aug. 10th 5:30 p.m.
Where: BCYF Beef Wash Rack
Weigh in begins at: 4:00 p.m.
- 2nd HANGING Beef Carcass Evaluation Show
When: Thursday, Aug. 13th
Where: Martin's Custom Butchering, Wakarusa, IN
Time: 5:00 p.m.

MUST register for class by Feb. 1st, 2026

1. Class Minimum 2 beef, maximum of 10 beef due to limited space. If there are more than 10 beef registered, any exhibitor who has never made the draw to be in the carcass show will be automatically entered, then the BCYF Beef Chairman and Fair Manager will conduct a lottery drawing and inform the Exhibitors of chosen participants to fill all 10 slots.
2. Only ONE tagged Beef will be allowed per Exhibitor at weigh in for Beef Carcass class.
3. If you have tagged at the Feb. weigh-in both a carcass beef and a Mkt beef (steer or Mkt Heifer) you will be allowed to switch the two around, either carcass to market or market beef to carcass. If you switch the carcass beef to market it will be shown as either a Crossbred steer, Market Heifer or Dairy. Not in any other breed class. Notify Fair Office by July 1.
4. Exhibitor is responsible for the processing fees and must have processing sheets filled out before end of Live show. Exhibitor is expected to take their own meat or have a buyer lined up to take it.
5. Only Champion and Reserve Champion Beef Carcass will be allowed to sell in the Large Animal Auction and will be sold AS LIVE WEIGHT only. Exhibitor MUST be present at the Auction of their animal. Champion and Reserve will be determined the night of the Carcass evaluation.
6. Live show will take place at 5:30 p.m. at the BCYF wash rack. Exhibitor can use the beef barn wash rack to wash beef and groom. Grooming chutes are allowed to groom the animal and chutes are expected to be removed by end of the LIVE show. Beef is expected to be clipped prior to and not the day of show at the fair. Exhibitor must present and show their own beef.
7. Exhibitor will be responsible for their own transportation to both evaluations.
8. Exhibitor must wear appropriate clothing/shoes at **BOTH** evaluations. Jeans, button down shirt and boots are proper attire, anything else is not acceptable. No hats allowed.
9. After completion of LIVE show all Beef will be loaded out and shipped to Martin's for slaughter, then prepared for hanging BEEF Carcass Evaluation show. BCYF will

provide trucking to this location. NO private loads will be allowed.

Premiums: A-4.50, B-3.00, C-2.25 (except Champions)

173. Beef Carcass Class

- **Champion Beef Carcass**
Niles FFA Alumni Trophy (be62r)
- **Reserve Champion Beef Carcass**
Three Oaks Veterinary Clinic Trophy (Be63r)

All Market Beef Classes will be divided into weight classes based on number of entries.

Premiums: A-4.50, B-3.00, C-2.25 (except Champions)

176. 50% Shorthorn Market Steer

- **Champion Shorthorn Market Steer** - \$7.50
Jim/Barbara Hopkins Trophy (be03c)
- **Res. Champ. Shorthorn Mkt. Steer** - \$6.00
DKT Livestock Trophy, Klopfenstein Family (be50a)

179. 100% Hereford Market Steer

- **Champion Hereford Market Steer** - \$7.50
Tom Walton Trophy (be05r)
- **Res. Champ. Hereford Mkt. Steer** - \$6.00
Ralph & Margaret Swartz Memorial Trophy (be11r)

182. 100% Angus Market Steer

- **Champion Angus Market Steer** - \$7.50
Dr. Duane Ullrey Memorial Trophy (be07r)
- **Res. Champ. Angus Market Steer** - \$6.00
Wesner Angus Farm Trophy (be46r)

185. Simmental Mkt. Steer - 50% or more Simmental

- **Champion Simmental Market Steer** - \$7.50
Mark Krieger Trophy (be08c)
- **Res. Champ. Simmental Mkt. Steer** - \$6.00
David Gotsch Trophy (be55r)

188. Chianina Market Steer

- **Champion Chianina Market Steer**
Rosette & \$7.50 & Doug Clark Mem. Trophy (be40r)
- **Res. Champ. Chianina Market Steer** - \$6.00
Megan Elizabeth Brunke Trophy (be47r)

191. Crossbred Mkt. Steer - 50% or more beef breeding

- **Champion Crossbred Market Steer** - \$7.50
Cuthbert Tractor Sales Trophy (be06c)
- **Res. Champ. Crossbred Mkt. Steer** - \$6.00
In Memory of Howard Sherwood Trophy (be48r)

194. Dairy Market Steer (100% Dairy)

- **Champion Dairy Market Steer** - \$7.50
Shuler & Sons Farms Trophy (be09r)
- **Res. Champ. Dairy Market Steer** - \$ 6.00
Strefling Grain Trophy (be04r)

197. Market Heifer (100% Beef Breed)

- **Champion Market Heifer** - \$7.50
Don Payne Family Trophy (be10r)
- **Reserve Champion Market Heifer** - \$6.00
DKT Livestock Trophy (be49a)
- **Gr. Champion Market Beef Animal**
Bruce Dale Foster Trophy (be01r)
- **Res. Gr. Champ. Market Beef Animal**
Dale Seyfred Trophy (be02c)
- 3rd place overall - Steve Rogers Family Trophy (be60r)
- 4th place overall - Adam, Kevin & Erica Mitchell

Trophy (be59r)

- 5th place overall - Eric & Heather Lentz Trophy (be58r)
Banners for 3rd - 5th

RATE OF GAIN CONTEST

Dept. 4 – Div. 1

Beef Rate of Gain Contest Awards to the exhibits who show the highest daily rate of gain. Animals weighed on designated ear-tag/weigh-in dates. Average daily rate of gain must be displayed above animal at Fair time. Trophy and Rosette will be awarded to 1st place Rate of Gain winners for each Breed.

Premiums for Rate of Gain are:

1st-Trophy & \$11.25, 2nd-\$7.50, 3rd-\$3.75

- **Shorthorn Rate of Gain**
Beef Barn Memorials Trophy (be16r)
- **Hereford Rate of Gain**
Jannert Polled Hereford Farm Trophy (be18r)
- **Angus Rate of Gain**
Brian & Kelly Dargus Trophy (be19r)
- **Simmental Rate of Gain**
Durm Family Trophy (be21c)
- **Chianina Rate of Gain**
DKT Livestock Trophy - Klopfenstein Family (be52a)
- **Crossbred Rate of Gain**
Billy & Tracy Donner Family Farm Trophy (be20r)
- **Dairy Steer Rate of Gain**
Hill-Milt Farm Trophy (be22c)
- **Market Heifer Rate of Gain**
Zeilke Brothers Farm Trophy (be23r)
- **Champion Overall Beef Rate of Gain**
Pam Lawrick & Mark Koebel Trophy (be24c) Banner
- **Res. Ch Overall Beef Rate of Gain**
Green Meadow Farm Trophy (be25c) Banner

