WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

2026 JUNIOR BEEF CATTLE ENTRY INFORMATION

Information may be updated as necessary until online entries open. Please check for final updates.

Superintendent – Erin Dorsey

ENTRY CLOSING DATE

Online Entries – Completed and paid by 7 pm Central Time on May 20, 2026

Any online entry completed/paid after 7 pm Central Time on May 20th is considered late and late fees apply

NEW FOR 2026: Showmanship must be entered by the exhibitor by the Late Junior Entry deadline – Exhibitors will not be entered automatically and entries at the Fair will not be accepted.

NEW FOR 2026: YQCA certificates must be uploaded to the entry system before you will be able to make entries.

YQCA certification must be completed before entry and remain active through August 16, 2026

DNA IDENTIFICATION DEADLINE

Market/Performance/Bred & Owned Steers and Commercial Breeding Heifers – Postmarked on or before May 20, 2026

Please note**: Some local Post Offices are no longer postmarking envelopes; **please mail your DNA samples early enough to arrive at the regional center for a timely postmark!

*Any animal not DNA identified by the exhibitor/sibling(s) (no other relationships) with Wisconsin State Fair postmarked on or before May 20, 2026, **will not be eligible for Champion awards**.*

ENTRY FEES

Breeding Heifer	$13 per head
Cow/Calf Pair	$13 per pair
Market Steer, Bred and Owned Steer	$13 per head for each contest
Performance Steer	$20 per head
Showmanship, Quiz, Communications contests	No charge; must be entered by Jr Entry deadline
Tie-outs	$5 per head

LATE ENTRY FEES

Completed and paid by 7 pm Central Time on May 27, 2026 $130 per exhibitor, plus original entry fees above

NO *entries will be accepted after 7 pm Central Time on May 27th*

SHOW SCHEDULE

Fair management reserves the right to post and/or announce changes to the schedule

Arrival	August 10	after 12:15 am	***No** Early Arrivals!*
In Place	August 10	11 am	
Exhibitor Meeting	August 10	To Be Announced - *Rules and expectations will be reviewed and strictly enforced*	
Check-In	August 10	To be announced	Performance Steers Weigh-in and Ultrasound
		10 am - 2 pm	Breeding Females
		1 pm	Bred & Owned Market Steers Declared Weight and Registration Certificates DUE
		1 pm	Commercial Heifers Declared Weight DUE
	August 11	8 am	Market Steer Declared Weight and Registration Certificates DUE
	August 12	By Noon	Confirm Showmanship participation
Educational Contests	August 10	1 – 5 pm	Quiz (TGT Rock River Room)
		2 – 6 pm	Communications (TGT 5th Floor)
Show	August 11	9 am	Ring 1 Show Order: Performance Steers, Bred and Owned Steers, Breeding Heifers
		9 am	Ring 2 Show Order: Breeding Females
		5:30 pm	Supreme Champion Breeding Selection
	August 12	8 am	Market Steers Show Order: Commercial Dairy, Registered Dairy, Angus, Chianina, Hereford, Jackpot Hereford, Maine-Anjou, Shorthorn, Simmental, Any Other Breed, Crossbred
		4 pm	Grand Champion Market Drive (Coliseum)

	August 13	8 am	Showmanship
Release	August 13	Staggered Release beginning at 2 pm	

2026 JUNIOR BEEF HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

PLEASE NOTE: For current beef health regulations refer to "Animal Health Rules and Regulations" in the "Junior General Rules and Regulations" section on wistatefair.com.
Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current State of Wisconsin information, check https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/FairsShowsCattle.aspx

Junior Beef Cattle Specific Rules

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NEW FOR 2026: YQCA certificates must be uploaded to the entry system before you will be able to make entries.
YQCA certification must be completed before entry and remain active through August 16, 2026

The junior beef show rules are in addition to those listed in the "Junior General Rules and Regulations" on wistatefair.com and "Junior Show Exhibitor Rules and Regulations" at end of this document.

A new United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) rule requires that official ID tags newly applied to cattle *on or after November 5, 2024*, must have both a visual and electronic component. The only official tags that currently meet these requirements are 840 RFID tags.

Junior beef cattle exhibitors may enter and show **no more than 3 animals** in the junior beef department with **no more than 2 of them market/performance/bred and owned market steers.** Exhibitors *MAY NOT ENTER* more animals than the total allowed to show. A market steer may be shown in more than one division (market, performance, bred and owned), if the steer meets each division's qualifications and is entered appropriately by the entry deadline.

Examples:

- Sally is entering steer A and steer B in the market show but not entering them in the performance or bred and owned divisions. Sally would NOT be able to enter different steers (steer C and steer D) into the performance or bred and owned divisions.
- Sally is entering steer A in the market show and the bred and owned market steer division but not entering steer A in the performance division. Sally may enter a different steer (steer B) in the performance division.
- Sally is only entering steers A and B in the performance division but not entering them in the market or bred and owned market steer divisions. Sally would not be able to enter any other steers.

Animal Registration:

A. **Registered animals** showing in Junior Breeding or Market show breed classes must meet national breed association requirements for exhibition to be eligible to show at Wisconsin State Fair.
   i. Animals whose registration certificates have been suspended/invalidated will not be eligible to show. The registration certificate must be valid at the time of entry and also when the animal is checked in at the Fair.
   ii. Animals with registration certificates are marked "not eligible to show" will not be eligible to show in breed classes (Breeding or Market shows) but will be able to show in commercial, unregistered, or crossbred classes if available.
   iii. An original breed association issued individual registration certificate for all registered animals must be submitted to Fair management at check-in. Emails directly from breed associations to the Entry Office to verify registration will be accepted.

B. **Non-registered** Breeding and Market Stock do not need to be officially registered but must have 840 ear tag and DNA identification submitted in the name of the exhibitor/sibling(s) (no other relationships) on file with Wisconsin State Fair on or before May 20, 2026, to be eligible for champion awards.

C. Tattoos must be legible, in place prior to the animal's arrival at the Fair and match the animal's registration certificate. Tattoos will be verified with registration certificates. Calves shown at the side of a cow must be registered and tattooed.

D. Entries not properly registered, entered, or checked in on time by the Junior Beef Cattle Department staff will not be allowed to show.
E. At any show for which a breed association appropriates funds toward the payment of prize money, authorized representatives of the association have the authority to enforce the respective breed association's rules in addition to Wisconsin State Fair rules. In situations where the organization's rule(s) and Wisconsin State Fair conflicts, Wisconsin State Fair rules will be used.

DNA Identification: Animals shown in commercial breeding female or market divisions ***MUST*** have 840 ear tag and DNA identification in the name of the exhibitor/sibling(s) (no other relationships) on file with Wisconsin State Fair **postmarked on or before May 20, 2026**, even if the animal is registered with a National Breed Organization. Once identified, commercial females are subject to random 840 ear tag inspection and DNA verification testing at any time by Wisconsin State Fair officials.

Example: a registered Chianina Heifer with a registration certificate shown in the commercial female division must have 840 ear tag and DNA identification in the name of the exhibitor/sibling(s) on file with Wisconsin State Fair on or before May 20, 2026.

A. Exhibitors who intentionally remove official 840 ear tags are subject to disciplinary actions.
B. Females not 840 ear tagged and DNA identified with Wisconsin State Fair by the exhibitor/sibling(s) by May 20, 2026, are eligible to show but are not eligible for champion awards and will be identified as such during the weigh back or DNA verification processes and will receive the lowest class placing.
C. Exhibitors must follow protocols contained in the Animal ID Sample Collection Instructions found on the Wisconsin State Fair website, including but not limited to:
    i. collection of multiple hair pulls of at least 40 hair roots to produce viable samples,
    ii. cleanliness and non-contamination of samples, and
    iii. accurate completion of all information and signatures on the sample envelope.
D. Samples that cannot be processed due to lack of follicles or presence of contamination, as well as incomplete information on DNA envelopes may result in loss of awards and prize money.

Substitutions: Substitutions may be made within the department for any entered animal as follows:

A. **Registered Breeding Stock:** At time of entry, junior exhibitors may **declare** one (1) potential registered substitute animal for each registered breeding animal entered.
    i. **Substitute registered breeding animals must have *complete information* submitted with entry** (class, birthdate, tattoo, name, and registration number).
    ii. Registration certificates for potential substitutes should not be submitted at the time of entry.
    iii. After the late Junior entry deadline, no additions or changes to entries or substitution animals are accepted.
B. **DNA identified:** Any animals which have been 840 ear tag and DNA identified by the exhibitor/sibling(s) (no other relationships) on file with Wisconsin State Fair **postmarked on or before May 20, 2026**, do not need to be declared as substitutes; all are eligible.
C. After the entry deadline, an exhibitor may activate either a declared substitute animal(s) or animal(s) 840 ear tag/DNA identified by the exhibitor/sibling(s) with Wisconsin State Fair.
    i. **By July 24th** –To activate a substitute animal, send an email to entryoffice@wistatefair.com stating the exhibitor name, name of animal being dropped, name of animal substitute being activated and attach a copy of the substitute animal's registration certificate and/or 840 ear tag/DNA identification.
    ii. **After July 24th** – To activate a substitute animal, notify the department staff at check in and present the animal's registration certificate and/or 840 ear tag/DNA identification.

Lost 840 Ear Tags: Animals entered with required 840 ear tags must arrive at the Fair with the 840 ear tag intact. If an 840 ear tag is lost:

A. **By July 15th:** If an animal loses its official 840 ear tag identification, please email the exhibitor name, species, lost tag number, and replacement tag number to entryoffice@wistatefair.com.
B. **After July 15th:** If an animal loses its official 840 ear tag identification and arrives at the Fair without its original 840 ear tag identification, the animal will be disqualified. Exhibitors who would like to show the disqualified animal must enter the DNA Verification Process by submitting a DNA Verification Form, include a $100 fee and agree to have a DNA sample taken at the Fair for DNA verification. The $100 fee will be refunded if the sample is verified as matching the original sample submitted by the exhibitor/sibling(s).

Non-State Fair Animal Show Waiver: It is intended that all animals be housed in Wisconsin and under the daily care and supervision of the exhibitor from the time of entry deadline (breeding stock) or DNA identification (market animals and non-registered breeding stock) through the end of the Junior Show rotation at Wisconsin State Fair. During that time, the animal(s) entered may only be shown by the exhibitor, immediate family (brother, step-brother, sister, step-sister, mother, step-mother, father, step-father, or legal guardian – with proof of relationship) or family farm, ***unless a Non-State Fair Animal Show Waiver has been obtained in advance.***

If a junior show exhibitor anticipates that someone other than the exhibitor, immediate family member or family farm may show a project animal after the junior has either entered Wisconsin State Fair or DNA identified the animal, a waiver request must be completed by the entry deadline. *Failure to obtain a waiver in advance of the animal being shown by anyone other than those listed above may result in the animal being disqualified from Wisconsin State Fair participation and any awards, ribbons and prize money being forfeited.*

Waiver requests may be found at wistatefair.com/competitions/junior-livestock/. Waiver requests will be considered on an individual basis by Wisconsin State Fair management, who reserve the right to further review situations with outside sources. Requests will be approved or denied by June 15th.

Waiver requests must be made by emailing the waiver request form to entryoffice@wistatefair.com by May 20, 2026.

Dehorning of animals is recommended for safety.

Bedding: Exhibitors are responsible for bringing or purchasing their own cattle bedding.

Tie Outs: Cattle may only be placed in the designated tie out area and are placed there at the exhibitor's risk. Wisconsin State Fair assumes no liability for any incidents or actions that may occur in the tie out area.

A. Tie out bedding is not provided.
B. Tie outs are issued upon arrival; if necessary, they will be assigned in advance.
C. Cattle may not be moved from barns to the tie out area before 7 pm daily; they must be returned to the barn by 8 am daily.
D. Neck ropes and/or double ties must be used in the tie out area. Wisconsin State Fair reserves the right to make tie out adjustments for all cattle not properly tied or equipped at the owner's expense.
E. No pens are allowed in the tie out area without prior approval.
F. Cattle placed in the tie outs are at the exhibitor's risk. Wisconsin State Fair assumes no liability for any incidents or actions that may occur in the tie out area.
G. Failure to abide by tie out procedures may result in disqualification, withholding of prize money and/or losing eligibility for future shows.

Areas highlighted in blue are sponsorships pending/being updated for 2026.

BEEF BREEDING SHOW

1. **Online entries** with complete information and fees must be submitted to Wisconsin State Fair by the entry deadline.
    A. **Breeding Females:** Must provide breed, class, birthdate, tattoo, name, and registration number. Registered breeding females shown in the breeding division do not need to be 840 ear tag or DNA identified.
    B. **A copy of the official breed registration certificate for registered breeding females must be submitted with entry by May 20, 2026. Late registration certificates will only be accepted until July 1st.** The registration certificate must be valid at the time of entry and also when the animal is checked in at the Fair. Registration certificates can be submitted by:
        i. *Uploading a pdf copy with online entries at time of entry* ***– OR –***
        ii. *Emailing a pdf copy to* entryoffice@wistatefair.com *(including exhibitor's name in email).*
2. **Substitutions:** See "Substitutions" in Junior Beef Specific Rules above.
3. **Lost 840 Ear Tags:** See "Lost 840 Ear Tags" in Junior Beef Specific Rules above.
4. **Breed Divisions:** To qualify as a breed division (except commercial) there must be a minimum of four (4) exhibitors and ten (10) head with proper breed documentation checked in at the Fair. Proper breed documentation is a registration certificate from a respective breed association verifying entered animal parentage. Breeds with proper breed documentation which do not meet the minimum number of exhibitor or head criteria will be placed in the Any Other Breed (AOB) Division with the following guide:

A. Breed division with parent verification requirements of 75% and greater will show in the Any Other Breed Division High Percentage (i.e. Shorthorns - 15/16 or greater, and Simmentals - 7/8 or greater)
B. Breed division with parent verification requirements of 74% and lower will show in the Any Other Breed Division Low Percentage (***Except:*** Cattle registered as Shorthorn Plus which are 7/8 or less and Foundation Simmentals which are 50% to 75% will show in this low percentage division)
C. Registered Foundation Simmentals and Shorthorn Plus cattle with parent verification requirements which are less than 50% will show as Commercial Breeding Females.
D. ***Please note:*** All Commercial Breeding Females must have 840 ear tag and DNA identification submitted by the exhibitor/sibling(s) (no other relationships) on file with Wisconsin State Fair **postmarked on or before May 20, 2026**, to be eligible for champion awards.

5. **Bred and Owned Division:** A Champion Bred and Owned female will be selected in each breed division (except Commercial) from the highest placing Bred and Owned animals in each class or group of classes. The junior exhibitor's name must be currently listed on the registration certificate as an owner or co-owner and also as the original breeder or co-breeder of the specific entry. ***Please note:*** Embryo transfer animals will only be considered Bred and Owned when the donor dam is owned by the exhibitor at the time of collection.
6. The breeding beef show is NON-TERMINAL. All animals must be removed from Wisconsin State Fair by their exhibitor when released.
7. **Open Show:** Junior Beef Exhibitors may enter the same breeding animal in both the Open and Junior Beef Shows. Open and Junior shows must be entered and paid by the respective entry deadlines.

BEEF BREED DIVISIONS

Angus – Charolais – Gelbvieh – Hereford – Limousin (75% & greater) – Lim-flex (74% & less) – Maine-Anjou (75% & greater) Maintainer (74% & less) – Red Angus – Shorthorn (15/16 & greater) – Shorthorn Plus (7/8 & less) – Simmental (7/8 & greater) – Foundation Simmental (1/2 to 3/4) – Any Other Breed High Percentage – Any Other Breed Low Percentage

Please Note: Animals born in May or later of the current exhibit year are not eligible to show individually.

Class and Class Description		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th and up
1	**Junior Heifer Calf** (January–April 2026)	$40	38	36	34	32	30	28	26	24	22	20
	Champion Junior Heifer Calf (from class 1)	*Rosette*										
	Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf	*Rosette*										
	Champion Bred and Owned Junior Heifer Calf (from class 1)	*Rosette*										
	Reserve Champion Bred & Owned Junior Heifer Calf	*Rosette*										
6	**Senior Heifer Calf** (September–December 2025)	40	38	36	34	32	30	28	26	24	22	20
	Champion Senior Heifer Calf (from class 6)	*Rosette*										
	Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf	*Rosette*										
	Champion Bred & Owned Senior Heifer Calf (from class 6)	*Rosette*										
	Reserve Champion Bred and Owned Senior Heifer Calf	*Rosette*										
11	**Intermediate Yearling Heifer** (May–August 2025)	40	38	36	34	32	30	28	26	24	22	20
	Champion Intermediate Yearling Heifer (from class 11)	*Rosette*										
	Reserve Champion Intermediate Yearling Heifer	*Rosette*										
	Champion Bred & Owned Intermediate Yearling Heifer (from class 11)	*Rosette*										
	Reserve Champion Bred & Owned Intermediate Yearling Heifer	*Rosette*										

16	**Late Junior Yearling Heifer** (March-April 2025)	40	38	36	34	32	30	28	26	24	22	20
17	**Early Junior Yearling Heifer** (January-February 2025)	40	38	36	34	32	30	28	26	24	22	20
	Champion Junior Yearling Heifer (from classes 16-17)	*Rosette*										
	Reserve Champion Junior Yearling Heifer	*Rosette*										
	Champion Bred & Owned Junior Yearling Heifer (from classes 16-17)	*Rosette*										
	Reserve Champion Bred & Owned Junior Yearling Heifer	*Rosette*										
22	**Senior Yearling Heifer** (September-December 2024)	40	38	36	34	32	30	28	26	24	22	20
	Champion Senior Yearling Heifer (class 22)	*Rosette*										
	Reserve Champion Senior Yearling Heifer	*Rosette*										
	Champion Bred & Owned Senior Yearling Heifer (from class 22)	*Rosette*										
	Reserve Champion Bred and Owned Senior Yearling Heifer	*Rosette*										
27	**Cow/Calf pair**	40	38	36	34	32	30	28	26	24	22	20
	Champion Cow/Calf pair (from class 27)	*Rosette*										
	Reserve Champion Cow/Calf pair	*Rosette*										
	Champion Bred & Owned Cow/Calf pair (from class 27)	*Rosette*										
	Reserve Champion Bred & Owned Cow/Calf pair	*Rosette*										
	Grand Champion Female (from classes 2, 7, 12, 18, 23, 28) - to represent breed champion in Supreme Champion Drive.	*$200 & Award*										
	Reserve Grand Champion Female	*$100 & Award*										
	Grand Champion Bred & Owned Female (from classes 4, 9, 14, 20, 25, 30) - to represent breed champion in Supreme Champion Drive.	*$100 & Award*										
	Reserve Grand Champion Bred & Owned Female	*$50 & Award*										

COMMERCIAL BREEDING FEMALE SHOW

1. **Online entries** with complete information and fees must be submitted to Wisconsin State Fair by the entry deadline.
   A. **Commercial Females:** Specific tattoo, registration certificate, and 840 ear tag identification do not need to be listed when entered. Commercial females must have 840 ear tag and DNA identification submitted by the exhibitor/sibling(s) (no other relationships) on file with Wisconsin State Fair **postmarked on or before May 20, 2026**, to be eligible for champion awards.
   B. **Registration Certificates** are not required for commercial breeding female entries.
   C. **Substitutions:** Commercial female substitutes do not need to be declared at entry. All commercial breeding females which have 840 ear tag and DNA identification submitted by the exhibitor/sibling(s) on file with Wisconsin State Fair **postmarked on or before May 20, 2026,** are eligible.
2. **Bred and Owned:** Commercial breeding females do not qualify for Bred and Owned awards.
3. **DNA Identification:** Required for Commercial Breeding Females – See "DNA Identification" in Junior Beef Specific Rules above.
4. **Lost 840 Ear Tags:** See "Lost 840 Ear Tags in Junior Beef Specific Rules above.
5. **Declared Weight:** Commercial Breeding Females are shown by declared weight.
   A. A declared weight card must be completed and submitted online by the designated time for each animal. The weight indicated on the submitted form will be the official declared show weight of the animal. There will be no changing of weights after the official declared weight has been submitted.

B. **Weigh Back:** Before each class, all animals must be weighed on the official scale by show management. Animals must be within 5% above or below the declared show weight entered by the exhibitor on the weight form. If an animal is not within its declared weight range (5% above or below), show management may authorize a reweigh. If an animal weighs out of its 5% declared weight range or does not report immediately to the scale to be weighed before class, it will receive the lowest class placing and will be ineligible for champion classes. There will be no weigh-back for breed champion or grand champion classes.

C. No private livestock scales are allowed on Wisconsin State Fair Park grounds. Exhibitors using a private scale will be disqualified from participating. Wisconsin State Fair will provide scales for exhibitors to use:
   i. Monday, August 10: 9 am to 7 pm
   ii. Tuesday, August 11: 7 am to completion of show

COMMERCIAL BREEDING FEMALES

Class and Class Description		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th and up
1	**Commercial Heifer**	$40	38	36	34	32	30	28	26	24	22	20
	Champion Commercial Breeding Heifer	*Rosette*										
	Reserve Champion Commercial Breeding Heifer	*Rosette*										
4	**Commercial Cow/Calf Pair**	40	38	36	34	32	30	28	26	24	22	20
	Champion Commercial Cow/Calf Pair	*Rosette*										
	Reserve Champion Commercial Cow/Calf Pair	*Rosette*										
	Grand Champion Commercial Female from classes 2, 5)	*$200 & Award*										
	Reserve Grand Champion Commercial Female	*$100 & Award*										

SUPREME CHAMPION FEMALE AWARDS

Presented by CASE IH

The Grand Champion Female from each breed division may compete for the title of Supreme Champion during the Supreme Champion Drive on Tuesday evening.

The Supreme Champion Female will receive:
- $500 donated by **CASE IH** paid on the Wisconsin State Fair prize money check.
- Banner presented by **Wisconsin State Fair**

The Reserve Supreme Champion Female will receive:
- $250 donated by **CASE IH** paid on the Wisconsin State Fair prize money check.
- Banner presented by **Wisconsin State Fair**

The Third Overall Supreme Champion Female will receive:
- $100 donated by the **Wisconsin State Fair** paid on the WSF prize money check.
- Banner presented by **Wisconsin State Fair**

The Fourth Overall Supreme Champion Female will receive:
- $50 donated by the **Wisconsin State Fair** and paid on the WSF prize money check.
- Banner presented by **Wisconsin State Fair**

The Fifth Overall Supreme Champion Female will receive:
- Banner presented by **Wisconsin State Fair**

SUPREME CHAMPION BRED AND OWNED FEMALE AWARDS

Presented by CASE IH

The Grand Champion Bred and Owned Female from each breed division (except Commercial) may compete for the title of Supreme Champion Bred and Owned Female during the Supreme Champion Drive on Tuesday evening.

The Supreme Champion Bred and Owned Female will receive:
- $500 donated by **CASE IH** paid on the Wisconsin State Fair prize money check.
- Banner presented by **Wisconsin State Fair**

The Reserve Supreme Champion Bred and Owned Female will receive:

$250 donated by **Case IH** on the Wisconsin State Fair prize money check.
Banner presented by **Wisconsin State Fair**

The Third Overall Supreme Champion Bred and Owned Female will receive:
$100 on the WSF prize money check.
Banner presented by **Wisconsin State Fair**

The Fourth Overall Supreme Champion Bred and Owned Female will receive:
$50 paid on the WSF prize money check.
Banner presented by **Wisconsin State Fair**

The Fifth Overall Supreme Champion Bred and Owned Female will receive:
Banner presented by **Wisconsin State Fair**

SPECIAL AWARDS – BREEDING FEMALES

Awards, courtesy of the **Wisconsin Junior Angus Association** will be provided for the Angus Breeding Female Division Champions and the Angus Bred and Owned Female Division Champions.
Awards, courtesy of the **Wisconsin Junior Hereford Association** will be provided to the Hereford Breeding Heifer, Hereford Bred and Owned Female, Hereford Steer, and Hereford Cow-Calf Champions.

MARKET STEER SHOW

1. **Online entries** with complete information and fees must be submitted to Wisconsin State Fair by the entry deadline.
   A. **Market Steer:** Specific tattoo, registration certificate, and 840 ear tag identification do not need to be listed when entered. Market steers must have 840 ear tag and DNA identification submitted by the exhibitor/sibling(s) (no other relationships) on file with Wisconsin State Fair **postmarked on or before May 20, 2026**, to be eligible for champion awards.
   B. **Registration Certificates** for market steers must be submitted to the Junior Beef Office with the declared weight form. The registration certificate must be valid at the time of entry and also when the animal is checked in at the Fair.
   C. **Substitutions:** Market steer substitutes do not need to be declared at entry. All market steers which have been 840 ear tag and DNA identified by the exhibitor/sibling(s) on file with Wisconsin State Fair **postmarked on or before May 20, 2026,** are eligible.
2. **Each exhibitor is permitted to bring no more than two (2) steers total to the Fair.** A steer may show in the Market Steer, Performance, and Bred and Owned divisions if it meets each division's qualifications and is appropriately entered by the entry deadline.
3. Market steers should be born after January 1, 2025. Steers are subject to mouthing for "over-age". Over-aged steers are ineligible to compete if the first permanent incisor tooth is in wear.
4. The market steer division is a non-terminal show. Exhibitors must remove all market steers from Wisconsin State Fair when released, except market steers selected for the Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction.
5. **DNA Identification:** Required for Market Steers - See "DNA Identification" in Junior Beef Specific Rules above.
6. **Lost 840 Ear Tags:** See "Lost 840 Ear Tags" in Junior Beef Specific Rules above.
7. All market steers must be free of all drug residue of any type, including prescribed, at time of show and be eligible for immediate harvest following the show. At any time, Fair management may elect to have samples taken including, but not limited to DNA, blood, urine, hair and tissue. Any carcass showing evidence of ante mortem tampering may result in the exhibitor of such animal(s) forfeiting ribbons, prize money, sale receipts, prizes awarded and result in loss of future exhibition privileges. Please refer to "Junior General Rules and Regulations" section on wistatefair.com for more information.
8. **Breed Registration Certificates:** A breed steer must have a national breed association registration certificate signifying it has met breed qualifications to show as a representative of the respective breed. The registration certificate must be valid at the time of entry and also when the animal is checked in at the Fair. There are no registration certificate name or
9. date requirements for a breed division steer showing in the junior market steer show. All breed steers are subject to DNA testing to verify parentage. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to make sure parentage verification of sire and/or dam (depending on breed percentage qualifications) is on file with the respective association or attainable within 30 days of completion of the Fair. Any breed steer found to have different parents than what is identified on the original registration certificate presented at check-in may be disqualified and all prize money earned forfeited.

Examples:

- **Animal A - Breed A** must have both the dam and the sire registered to be issued a registration certificate as a breed. In this case, both sire and dam DNA verification is needed for parent verification.
- **Animal B** - A steer is 50% or less of **Breed B** that may qualify it to be issued a registration certificate. In this case, whichever parent or parents recorded with the association get it to the percentage listed on the registration certificate must have DNA parentage verification on file. Please check with the respective breed association on specific requirements for registering steers.
- **Animal C** - a steer recorded with the association being 51% or higher would need DNA verification of both sire and dam to meet requirement. Please check with breed associations on specific requirements for registering steers.

10. **Breed Divisions:** The Market Steer Show must have a minimum of ten (10) head of the same breed checked in at the Fair with proper breed verification to qualify as a breed division. Registration certificates for breed division market steers must be submitted to the Junior Beef Office at check-in.

A. Only one (1) Champion Market Steer and one (1) Reserve Champion Market Steer will be selected from all animals entered in the Any Other Breed division.

B. Breeds with proper breed verification but with <u>less than ten head</u> checked in at the Fair will show in the Any Other Breed division.

C. Breeds with proper breed verification but with <u>less than ten head but more than five head</u> checked in at the Fair will show as a breed <u>*class*</u> within the Any Other Breed division.

D. **Breed Division Qualifications** are as follows:

i. Angus: Registration certificate must be issued from the American Angus Association showing both the sire and dam to be registered Angus.

ii. Charolais: Registration certificate must be issued from American International Charolais Association and must show verification of **at least 50% or higher** Charolais breed required parentage.

iii. Chianina: Registration certificates must be issued by the American Chianina Association and must show verification of breed required parentage. All registered Chianina and Chianina-influenced cattle (Chimaine, Chiangus, Chiford) will show in the same breed division.

iv. Dairy: All steers must meet registration and show requirements for the respective national breed association. All non-registered (commercial) or dairy breed crossbreds will have the option to show in the commercial dairy steer division or the crossbred market steer division. Breeds recognized as dairy are as follows: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn, and Red & White Holstein.

v. Hereford: Registration certificate or steer certificate must be issued from the American Hereford Association showing both the sire and dam to be registered Hereford.

vi. Maine-Anjou: Registration certificate must be issued from the American Maine-Anjou Association and must show verification of breed required parentage. All registered Maine-Anjou or Maintainer cattle will show in the same breed division.

vii. Shorthorn: Registration certificate (Red) must be issued from the American Shorthorn Association indicating the animal is of 15/16 Shorthorn parentage or higher.

viii. Shorthorn Plus: Registration certificate (Green) must be issued from the American Shorthorn Association indicating the animal is under 15/16 Shorthorn parentage. Steers with less than 25% Shorthorn required parentage will show in the Crossbred Division.

ix. Simmental: Registration certificates must be issued by the American Simmental Association and must show verification of **<u>at least 50% or higher</u>** Simmental breed required parentage. All registered Simmentals less than 50% will show in the Crossbred Division.

x. All other breeds not listed above will need the appropriate breed association registration certificate recognizing breed parentage to their respective registration standards. If ten (10) of each breed are exhibited at the current Fair, there will be a specific class for that recognized breed regardless of percentage parentage in the respective breed. All other recognized breed association parentage verified cattle with less than ten (10) head exhibited will show in the Any Other Breed Division.

11. **Declared Weight:** Market steers will show by breed and declared weight.

A. A declared weight card must be completed and submitted online by the designated time for each animal. The weight indicated on the submitted form will be the official declared show weight of the animal. There will be no changing of weights after the official declared weight has been submitted.

B. **Weigh Back:** Before each class, all animals must be weighed on the official scale by show management. Animals must be within 5% above or below the show weight entered by the exhibitor on the weight form. If an animal is not within its declared weight range (5% above or below) show management may authorize a reweigh. If an animal weighs out of its 5% declared weight range or does not report immediately to the scale to be weighed before class, it will receive the lowest class placing and will be ineligible for champion classes. There will be no weigh back for breed champion or grand champion classes.

C. No private livestock scales are allowed on Wisconsin State Fair Park grounds. Exhibitors using a private scale will be disqualified from participating. Wisconsin State Fair will provide scales for exhibitors to use:
   I. Monday, August 10: 9 am to 7 pm
   II. Tuesday, August 11: 7 am to 7 pm
   III. Wednesday, August 12: 7 am to completion of show

12. **Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction:** The Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction is produced and promoted by the Blue Ribbon Sales of Champions Foundation. Rules and regulations specific to the Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction and Camp of Champions can be found online at: gbrla.com/campofchampions.

A. The Grand Champion Market Steer, Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer and all qualified Breed Champions of the Junior Market Steer Show (except the Commercial Dairy Steer) must sell in the Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction on Wednesday, August 12th in the Coliseum. These animals may **not** be withdrawn/scratched from the Auction.

B. The Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction is a terminal auction. All animals sold at the Auction will be sent to a designated harvest facility from Wisconsin State Fair Park.

C. Animals are sold for harvest only. Absolutely no animal can be taken to a private residence/commercial property/farm for any purpose.

D. Any exhibitor whose Auction animal does not pass residue testing or DNA comparison or shows evidence of ante mortem tampering may forfeit Auction proceeds and Wisconsin State Fair awards.

E. All identification on auction animals will stay with the animal and cannot be returned to the exhibitor or any other party.

F. If an animal selected for the Auction was sold at a County Fair Auction, the exhibitor is responsible for contacting the respective buyer prior to the start of the Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction."

MARKET STEER DIVISIONS

Market Angus – Market Charolais – Market Chianina – Market Crossbred – Market Hereford – Market Main-Anjou – Market Registered Dairy – Market Commercial Dairy* - Market Shorthorn – Market Shorthorn Plus – Market Simmental (High %) – Market Simmental (Low %) – Market Any Other Breed

Enter only the number of market steers

Class Description	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th and up
Market Steer	$40	38	36	34	32	30	28	26	24	22	20
*Champion Breed Market Steer**	*Award*										
Reserve Champion Breed Market Steer	*Award*										

*Breed Champion Market Steers are eligible to sell in the **Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction, *<u>except</u> for the Breed Champion Market Commercial Dairy Steer.***

<u>SPECIAL AWARDS – MARKET STEERS</u>

Grand Champion Market Steer Award

The Grand Champion Market Steer will receive a banner from **Wisconsin State Fair**.

Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer Award

The Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer will receive a banner from **Wisconsin State Fair**.

Reserve Champion Breed Market Steer Award

The **Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction** will donate $250 to the exhibitors of the Reserve Champion Market Steer of each breed not sold in the auction paid on the Wisconsin State Fair prize money check.

WISCONSIN HEREFORD ASSOCIATION JACKPOT HEREFORD STEER SHOW

Eligibility and Rules

1. All steers must be bred by a WHA or WJHA member. The breeder must be a member at calving date. All steers must be born in Wisconsin.
2. All steers must be of purebred Hereford parentage. Steers need AHA registration certificates or original AHA steer certificates stating purebred parentage for the sire and dam. Paperwork MUST be presented at check-in time. Faxed or photocopied certificates will NOT be accepted. NO EXCEPTIONS! The steer papers must be in the exhibitor's name. It may NOT be in the farm or parents names.
3. All eligible steers must be identified by a legible tattoo which matches the AHA steer certificate or registration certificate.
4. Submission of DNA samples to Wisconsin State Fair must be completed by May 20, 2026, per Wisconsin State Fair rules.
5. All eligible steers must be nominated by June 15, 2026, by the breeder of the steer, who will submit a $25 nomination fee (cap of $100 per breeder) to Kermit Rhiner, Jackpot Steer Coordinator, W8838 Richards Rd, Poynette, WI 53955. Checks should be made payable to the WHA.
6. All eligible steers nominated by the breeder for the Jackpot Show must also be entered by the exhibitor, who will submit an entry form along with a $25 entry fee, to Kermit Rhiner at the above address by June 15, 2026.
7. All eligible steers nominated by the breeder for the Jackpot Show must be entered and shown in the regular Wisconsin State Fair junior market steer classes and must meet the requirements of eligibility for the Wisconsin State Fair Junior Market Steer show.
8. Any questions or interpretations regarding these rules should be directed to Kermit Rhiner, 608.445.1279.

Prize Money - *Donated and paid directly by the Wisconsin Hereford Association*

Grand Champion Wisconsin Hereford Association Jackpot Steer	$ 500
Reserve Grand Champion Wisconsin Hereford Association Jackpot Hereford Steer	$ 250
3rd Overall	$ 150
4th Overall	$ 100
5th Overall	$ 75
All Other Class Participants	$ 25

DEWEY WACHOLZ PERFORMANCE STEER DIVISION

This program emphasizes the exhibitor's ability to select and raise steers that will be evaluated on the components of ultrasound carcass merit and visual appraisal. Performance steers are subject to all rules for drug residue and unethical practices listed in the Junior Beef information as well as the "Junior General Rules and Regulations" located on wistatefair.com.

1. **Online entries** with complete information and fees must be submitted to Wisconsin State Fair by the entry deadline.
    A. **Performance Steers:** Specific tattoo and 840 ear tag number identification do not need to be listed when entered. Performance steers must have 840 ear tag and DNA identification submitted by the exhibitor/sibling(s) (no other relationships) on file with Wisconsin State Fair **postmarked on or before May 20, 2026**, to be eligible for champion awards.
    B. Steers in the Performance division may also be exhibited in the Market Steer division and/or the Bred and Owned division if eligible and properly entered with additional entry fees by the entry deadline.
    C. **Substitutions:** Performance steers which have been 840 ear tag and DNA identified by the exhibitor/sibling(s) on file with Wisconsin State Fair **postmarked on or before May 20, 2026,** do not need to be declared as substitutes; all are eligible.
2. **Each exhibitor is permitted to exhibit no more than two (2) performance steers.** Overall placing will be based on:
    A. **Ultrasound Carcass Component (70%):** Ultrasound data will be collected at the Fair. Steers will be evaluated on estimates of USDA yield and quality grades that determine carcass value. These grades will be estimated by using ultrasound to measure 12th rib fat thickness, ribeye area and marbling score. Value-Based Beef Carcass Evaluation favors carcasses which grade USDA Choice or higher and USDA Yield Grade 2 and lower.
    B. **Visual Appraisal (Live Show) Component (30%):** Steers will show by official Fair weight. No adhesives/paints or like products can be used. The top steers in visual appraisal will be selected from the top two placings in each class.
3. The Performance Steer Division is a non-terminal show. The exhibitor must remove all performance steers from Wisconsin State Fair when released.

4. **DNA Identification:** Required for performance steers – See "DNA Identification" in Junior Beef Specific Rules above.
5. **Lost 840 Ear Tags:** See "Lost 840 Ear Tags" in Junior Beef Specific Rules above.
6. All performance steers must be free of all drug residue of any type, including prescribed, at time of show and be eligible for immediate harvest following the show. The Junior Beef Superintendent may elect to have samples taken at any time including, but not limited to DNA, blood, urine, hair, and tissue. Any carcass showing evidence of ante mortem tampering may result in the exhibitor of such animal(s) forfeiting ribbons, prize money, sale receipts, prizes awarded and result in loss of future exhibition privileges. Please refer to the "Junior General Rules and Regulations" section on wistatefair.com for more information.

Awards and Prize Money

Official results and performance information will be posted on the Wisconsin State Fair website: wistatefair.com

Grand Champion Performance Steer	$500 and Banner
Reserve Grand Champion Performance Steer	$400 and Banner
Third Overall Grand Champion Performance Steer	$300 and Rosette
Fourth Overall Grand Champion Performance Steer	$200 and Rosette
Fifth Overall Grand Champion Performance Steer	$150 and Rosette
Sixth to Tenth Overall Grand Champion Performance Steer	$100 and Rosette
11th to 20th place	$50
21st to 30th place	$40
31st to 40th place	$30
41st place and beyond	$20
Champion Ultrasound Carcass Merit	$200 and Award
Reserve Champion Ultrasound Carcass Merit	$100 and Award
Champion Visual Appraisal (Live Show)	$200 and Award
Reserve Champion Visual Appraisal (Live Show)	$100 and Award

BRED AND OWNED MARKET STEER SHOW

1. **Online entries** with complete information and fees must be submitted to Wisconsin State Fair by the entry deadline.
   A. **Bred and Owned Market Steer:** Specific tattoo and 840 ear tag identification do not need to be listed at entry. Bred and Owned Market Steers must have 840 ear tag and DNA identification submitted by the exhibitor/sibling(s) (no other relationships) on file with Wisconsin State Fair **postmarked on or before May 20, 2026**, to be eligible for champion awards.
   B. **Registration Certificates:** Only steers officially registered through a National Breed Association are eligible; crossbreds are not eligible. The registration certificate must be valid at the time of entry and also when the animal is checked in at the Fair. Breed registration certificates must be available for inspection at the Fair.
   C. Steers in the Bred and Owned Market Steer division may be exhibited in the Market Steer Division and the Performance Division if eligible and appropriately entered with additional entry fees by the entry deadline.
   D. **Substitutions:** Bred and Owned Market steer substitutes do not need to be declared at entry. Any animals which have been 840 ear tag and DNA identified by the exhibitor/sibling(s) on file with Wisconsin State Fair **postmarked on or before May 20, 2026,** do not need to be declared as substitutes; all are eligible.
   E. **Crossbred Steers** are not eligible for the Bred and Owned Market Steer Show.
2. **Eligibility:** The junior exhibitor must be listed as a current owner or co-owner and also as the original breeder or co-breeder on the registration certificate. ***Please note:*** Embryo transfer animals will only be considered Bred and Owned when the donor dam is owned by the exhibitor at the time of collection.
3. The Bred and Owned Market Steer Division is a non-terminal show. The exhibitor must remove all Bred and Owned Market Steers when released, except the Grand Champion Bred and Owned Market Steer (Over All Breeds) selected for the Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction.
4. **DNA Identification:** Required for Bred and Owned Market Steers - See "DNA Identification" in Junior Beef Specific Rules above.
5. **Lost 840 Ear Tags:** See "Lost 840 Ear Tags" in Junior Beef Specific Rules above.
6. **Breed Divisions:** A minimum of two (2) head must be exhibited in order to have a breed division. If there are less than two (2) head in the respective breed, the animals will be shown in the Any Other Breed Division. Show management has the

discretion to break the Any Other Breed Division into subclasses to enhance the competitive integrity of the show. Only one (1) Champion Market Bred and Owned Market Steer and one (1) Reserve Champion Bred and Owned Market Steer will be selected from all animals entered in the Any Other Breed division.

7. All bred and owned market steers must be free of all drug residue of any type, including prescribed, at time of show and be eligible for immediate harvest following the show. At any time, Fair management may elect to have samples taken including, but not limited to DNA, blood, urine, hair, and tissue. Any carcass showing evidence of ante mortem tampering may result in the exhibitor of such animal(s) forfeiting ribbons, prize money, sale receipts, prizes awarded and result in loss of future exhibition privileges. Please refer to the "Junior General Rules and Regulations" section on wistatefair.com for more information.
8. **Declared Weight:** Bred and Owned Market Steers will show by breed and declared weight.
    A. A declared weight card must be completed and submitted to the Junior Beef office for each animal. The weight indicated on the submitted card will be the official declared show weight of the animal. There will be no changing of weights after the official declared weight card has been submitted.
    B. **Weigh Back:** The top four placing animals may be weighed on the official scale by show management, either before or after placing at the judge's/show management's discretion. Animals must be within 5% above or below the declared show weight entered by the exhibitor on the weight card. If an animal is not within its declared weight range (5% above or below) show management may authorize a reweigh. If an animal weighs out of its 5% declared weight range or does not report immediately to the scale to be weighed, it will receive the lowest class placing and will be ineligible for champion classes. The remaining animals will move up one placing. There will be no weigh back for breed champion or grand champion classes.
    C. No private livestock scales are allowed on Wisconsin State Fair Park grounds. Exhibitors using a private scale will be disqualified from participating. Wisconsin State Fair will provide scales for exhibitors to use:
        i. Monday, August 10: 9 am to 7 pm
        ii. Tuesday, August 11: 7 am to completion of show
9. **Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction:** The Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction is produced and promoted by the Blue Ribbon Sale of Champions Foundation.
    A. The Grand Champion Bred and Owned Market Steer (Over All Breeds) must sell in the Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction on Wednesday, August 12th in the Coliseum. This animal may **not** be withdrawn/scratched from the Auction.
    B. If the Grand Champion Bred and Owned Market Steer (Over All Breeds) also qualifies for the auction as either the Grand Champion Market Steer, Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer, or as a Breed Champion, it will sell in the auction with all titles earned.
    C. The Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction is a terminal auction. All animals auctioned will be sent to a designated harvest facility.
    D. Animals are sold for harvest only. Absolutely no animal can be taken to a private residence/commercial property/farm for any purpose.
    E. Any exhibitor whose Auction animal does not pass residue testing or DNA comparison or shows evidence of ante mortem tampering may forfeit Auction proceeds and Wisconsin State Fair awards.
    F. All identification on auction animals will stay with the animal and cannot be returned to the exhibitor or any other party.
    G. If an animal selected as the Grand Champion Bred and Owned Market Steer was sold at a County Fair Auction, the exhibitor must notify the Blue Ribbon Sale of Champions Foundation after being named Grand Champion and before the Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction begins.

BRED AND OWNED MARKET STEER DIVISIONS

Angus – Charolais – Chianina – Hereford – Maine-Anjou – Dairy – Shorthorn – Simmental (High %) – Simmental (Low %) – Any Other Breed

Enter only the number of bred and owned steers

Class Description	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th and up
Bred and Owned Market Steer	$40	38	36	34	32	30	28	26	24	22	20
*Champion Breed Bred & Owned Market Steer**	*$200** & Award*										
*Reserve Champion Breed Bred & Owned Market Steer**	*$100 *** & Award*										

*Champion Breed Bred and Owned Market Steers and Reserve Champion Breed Bred and Owned Steers are ***not*** eligible to sell in the Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction. Only the Grand Champion Bred and Owned Market Steer (Over All Breeds) is eligible to sell in the Auction.

The **Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction will donate $200 to the Champion Bred and Owned Market Steer in each breed division paid on the Wisconsin State Fair prize money check.

***The **Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction** will donate $100 to the Reserve Champion Bred and Owned Market Steer in each breed division paid on the Wisconsin State Fair prize money check.

GRAND CHAMPION BRED AND OWNED MARKET STEER AWARDS (Over All Breeds)

Grand Champion Bred and Owned Market Steer (Over All Breeds)	Banner
The Grand Champion Bred and Owned Market Steer is eligible to sell in the Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction.	
Reserve Grand Champion Bred and Owned Market Steer	$250 and Banner
Third Overall Grand Champion Bred and Owned Market Steer	$150 and Banner
Fourth Overall Grand Champion Bred and Owned Market Steer	$50 and Banner
Fifth Overall Grand Champion Bred and Owned Market Steer	Banner

SHOWMANSHIP

1. ***NEW FOR 2026: Entry in the Showmanship contest must be made with Junior online entries, no later than the Late Junior Entry deadline. Exhibitors will not be entered automatically, and onsite entries will not be accepted.***
2. **Showmanship:** To show in showmanship classes, the Junior must be an active exhibitor in the Junior Beef department at the Wisconsin State Fair Junior Show. The individual must have paid an entry fee for an individual animal class and that animal must be checked in and shown by the exhibitor at the Fair. Exhibitors must exhibit his/her own animal entered and checked in for the individual Showmanship classes. The same animal must be used in all heats and finals of Showmanship. ***If it is determined that the same animal was not used in all heats and finals, the exhibitor will be disqualified from the Showmanship contest and prize money will be withheld.***
3. Participation in Showmanship must be confirmed during check-in at the Fair.
4. Fitting is optional.
5. The exhibitor's age as of January 1st will be used for determining age class. The Superintendent will post class/heat order at the Fair and reserves the right to break any age classes with more than ten exhibitors into heats. Exhibitors will be randomly assigned to heats. The judge will select the top showpersons in each heat (quantity at the judge's discretion) to advance to the final class for that age.
6. **Age Class Finals:**
    A. The judge will select the top showperson(s) (one or more at judge's discretion) in each heat to advance to the final class for that age group.
    B. Prize money for the age group finals will be paid on straight placing.
    C. Participants not selected for the final heat of each age group will receive $5 participation prize money.
7. **Supreme Champion Showperson Final:** The 1st Place Showperson (one) from each age group final will advance to the Supreme Champion Showperson selection.
8. Prize money for the finals will be paid using straight placing. Exhibitors not selected for the final heat will receive $5 participation prize money.
9. Exhibitors are encouraged to wear a Wisconsin State Fair sponsored showmanship shirt if available.

SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS

Class Description	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Showmanship - 12 year old	$100* & Award	90	80	70	60	50	45	40	35	30
Showmanship - 13 year old	$100* & Award	90	80	70	60	50	45	40	35	30
Showmanship - 14 year old	$100* & Award	90	80	70	60	50	45	40	35	30
Showmanship - 15 year old	$100* & Award	90	80	70	60	50	45	40	35	30
Showmanship - 16 year old	$100* & Award	90	80	70	60	50	45	40	35	30
Showmanship - 17 year old	$100* & Award	90	80	70	60	50	45	40	35	30
Showmanship - 18 year old	$100* & Award	90	80	70	60	50	45	40	35	30

Showmanship - 19 year old	$100* & Award	90	80	70	60	50	45	40	35	30

*The **Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction** will donate the $100 prize money to the first-place exhibitor in each Showmanship age class paid on the Wisconsin State Fair prize money check.

JUNIOR BEEF CATTLE SUPREME CHAMPION SHOWPERSON

A Supreme Champion Showperson will be selected from the above age class winners and will receive:
$500 and Banner presented by Wisconsin State Fair and a jacket courtesy of **Images Embroidery**

A Reserve Supreme Champion Showperson will be selected from the above age class winners and will receive:
$250 and Banner presented by Wisconsin State Fair

A Third Overall Supreme Champion Showperson will be selected from the above age class winners and will receive:
$100 and Banner presented by Wisconsin State Fair

A Fourth Overall Supreme Champion Showperson will be selected from the above age class winners and will receive:
$50 and Banner presented by Wisconsin State Fair

A Fifth Overall Supreme Champion Showperson will be selected from the above age class winners and will receive:
Banner presented by Wisconsin State Fair

HERDSMANSHIP (Beef Cattle)

To effectively promote projects and the agriculture industry to the public, the care and presentation of exhibits must be of high standards at all times during the Fair.

Every junior exhibitor at Wisconsin State Fair will be monitored for exhibit herdsmanship by Fair management. Herdsmanship will be based on decorations, appearance and cleanliness of display area, care given to animals, and general cooperation and attitude of the exhibitor(s).

Herdsmanship Criteria

1. Preparation of the Exhibit
   A. Decorations - Neat and attractive
   B. Animal Arrangement - Animals correctly spaced and arranged (neither too close or too far apart)
   C. Signs - Signs for each animal are appropriate and readable with complete information (***Please note:*** *it is NOT required to display exhibitor hometown and parent names on animal signs. Exhibitors are reminded that Wisconsin State Fair is a large public event and to exercise prudence in sharing personal information with the public.)*
   D. Tack Area – safe and well kept
2. Care of Exhibit
   A. Animals - Animals cleaned, comfortable, tied properly
   B. Aisles - Aisles clean and neat, adequate width for Fairgoers, no chutes, safe
   C. Bedding – Bedding kept clean and odor free
   D. Feed and Equipment - Neat and orderly storage, equipment clean and out of sight if possible
3. Appearance and Attitude of Exhibitor(s)
   A. Knowledge and Courtesy - Friendly, able to answer questions from Fairgoers
   B. Exhibitor Appearance - Clothes and person neat and clean, appropriate dress

Exhibits not practicing satisfactory herdsmanship as determined by Fair management using the herdsmanship criteria will be subject to the following consequences:

1st warning – Group contact or Independent exhibitor will receive a verbal or written warning indicating the exhibit needs improvement.

2nd warning – Group contact or Independent exhibitors will receive a written warning indicating improvements needed in exhibit.

3rd warning – The Group contact or Independent exhibitor will receive a written letter of reprimand noting the lack of compliance presenting a positive image of the project to the public. The Group or youth involved will be immediately released from the Fair and will lose all prize money or awards won. A report detailing the three warnings will be filed with the Agriculture Director. The Agriculture Director may present a recommendation to the WSFP Board Agriculture Committee for possible future disciplinary actions.

BEST EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT (Beef Cattle)

Awards will be presented to up to three groups or individual exhibitors having a worthy exhibit geared toward educating consumers. The educational exhibit can be part of the existing decorations.

QUIZ CONTEST (Beef Cattle)

Entry in the Quiz Contest must be made with Junior online entries, no later than the late Junior Entry Deadline. On-site entries will not be accepted.

The Quiz Contest consists of multiple-choice questions and provides junior exhibitors an opportunity to demonstrate both their project knowledge and knowledge of the beef industry. Tie breaker questions are determined in advance. Entrants must be active exhibitors in the junior beef cattle department, with his/her own animal entered and checked in for one of the individual junior beef cattle classes.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
$100* & Award	$90*	80*	70*	60*	50*	45*	40*	35*	30*

***The Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction** will donate the prize money for the quiz contest paid on the Wisconsin State Fair prize money check.

COMMUNICATION CONTEST (Beef Cattle)

Entry in the Communications Contest must be made with Junior online entries, no later than the late Junior Entry Deadline. On-site entries will not be accepted.

Junior exhibitors participate in an individual interview related to a beef industry topic. Judges score exhibitors on how effectively they communicate and advocate for their industry. Entrants must be active exhibitors in the junior beef cattle department, with his/her own animal entered and checked in for one of the individual junior beef cattle classes.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
$100* & Award	$90*	80*	70*	60*	50*	45*	40*	35*	30*

***The Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction** will donate the prize money for the communication contest paid on the Wisconsin State Fair prize money check.

JUNIOR BEEF CATTLE SUPREME EXHIBITOR AWARD

The Junior Beef Cattle Supreme Exhibitor award is based on the exhibitor's overall achievements at the 2026 Wisconsin State Fair. All Junior Beef exhibitors who actively exhibit at the Fair are eligible. The award is announced in the fall of 2026. Wisconsin State Fair will automatically enter/calculate points for active Junior Beef exhibitors as follows:

1. **Animal Placing (150 total points)**
   Exhibitors will receive points for each of his/her **two highest placing animals** in the Junior Beef Divisions (Breeding and Market/Performance /Market Bred and Owned). Only one placing will be considered per animal; the animal's highest class placing earned will be calculated (***Example:*** a Steer exhibited in both the Performance and Bred and Owned divisions will only receive points for the division in which the animal places highest.)
   Points are not assigned for Champion awards. Points are awarded for each placing as follows:

Animal Placing	Points per animal
1st	75
2nd	69
3rd	63
4th	57
5th	51
6th	45
7th	39

8th	33
9th	27
10th	21
11th and up	15

2. Showmanship (150 points)

An exhibitor will receive points for his/her overall placing in their Junior Beef Showmanship **age class**. Points are not awarded for Supreme Champion Showperson awards. Points are awarded as follows:

Showmanship Placing	Points
1st	150
2nd	138
3rd	126
4th	114
5th	102
6th	90
7th	78
8th	66
9th	54
10th	42
Participation	30

3. Quiz and Communications Contests (150 total points)

Exhibitors will receive points for his/her placings in the Beef Cattle Quiz and Communications contests. Points are awarded for each contest as follows:

Quiz or Communications Contest Placing	Points per contest
1st	75
2nd	69
3rd	63
4th	57
5th	51
6th	45
7th	39
8th	33
9th	27
10th	21
Participation	15

Overall tie–breaker: If a tie exists, the person with the higher individual placing in the following divisions will break the tie:

1. Communications/Quiz combined points
2. Showmanship points
3. Animal Placing combined points

JUNIOR BEEF SUPREME EXHIBITOR AWARDS

Supreme Exhibitor	Belt Buckle & Rosette
Reserve Supreme Exhibitor	Rosette
Third Overall Supreme Exhibitor	Rosette

JUNIOR SHOW EXHIBITOR RULES AND REGULATIONS

ANIMAL CARE and EXHIBITOR SAFETY

1. All exhibits receive the best care and protection the surroundings will afford, but they are always subject to the owner's risk. All exhibitors are expected to conform to Wisconsin State Fair participation and exhibition policies. Failure to comply may result in award and prize money forfeiture, dismissal from the grounds, and being barred from immediate and/or future exhibitions. Wisconsin State Fair management reserves the right to interpret and enforce the rules and regulations; split or combine classes; accept or reject any entry entirely, partially, or conditionally.
2. For the safety of exhibitors, fairgoers, and animals, any animal deemed uncontrollable and unsafe to exhibit will be dismissed from the showring and/or Wisconsin State Fair grounds. Show management/staff retains the right to warn (***no more*** *than twice*) the exhibitor but will dismiss any animal that the exhibitor is unable to bring under control. No prize money will be awarded if an animal is dismissed and entry or other fees will not be refunded.
3. All exhibitors are strongly encouraged to display positive animal care/welfare practices while at the Fair. Wisconsin State Fair management reserves the right to disqualify and/or remove exhibitors/entries deemed by Fair management not presenting positive care/animal welfare practices. Refer to the "Junior General Rules and Regulations" section on wistatefair.com for statements about drug testing/unethical fitting and additional rules and information.
4. Due to animal wellness and safety concerns all animals are restricted to their assigned barn area. Animals found outside of the designated areas will be immediately disqualified. The department superintendent has the discretion to approve special circumstances.
5. No animals are allowed at the designated Wisconsin State Fair off-site parking lots.
6. No animals other than those entered will be permitted in the barn (**no** newborn young).
7. Pets, whether on a leash or carried or in a container, are not permitted on site during the Fair, unless the pet is part of a Fair event, e.g. K-9 Sports. Service animals are, of course, permitted.
8. Once any animal/bird is checked in at the Fair they shall not be removed from the Fair unless released by the Superintendent or Wisconsin State Fair veterinarian.
9. **Animal Inspection:** All animals may be examined *at any time* while they are on Fair Park grounds by Wisconsin State Fair management or a Wisconsin State Fair veterinarian. Sheep prolapsing, showing symptoms/exhibiting ringworm, fungus or other contagious diseases will be disqualified. Any animal showing evidence of infectious, contagious or communicable diseases shall not be permitted to exhibit and must be removed immediately from the Fair Park. The decision of a Wisconsin State Fair veterinarian regarding the health of an animal and suitability for exhibition is **final** and not subject to appeal.
10. **Animal Treatment:** While on Wisconsin State Fair Park grounds, the Wisconsin State Fair on-site veterinarian must administer all medication, treatments, and therapies.
    A. The Wisconsin State Fair on-site veterinarian will inspect, treat, and record all information on an official 3-ply Treatment Record Form. There will be no charge for the Wisconsin State Fair Veterinarian to treat an animal. Exhibitors will be charged only for treatment costs (medication, procedures, and alternative therapy).
    B. The Wisconsin State Fair on-site veterinarian trailer is on 5th Street north of the Double Deck Barn. The animal treatment tent for horses and cattle is on 5th Street; the animal treatment tent for goats, sheep, swine, poultry and rabbits is located just north of the Swine and Goat Barn. These are the only areas to be used to administer treatments (oral, IM, IV, subcutaneous, and alternative treatments/therapies).
    C. Exhibitors are not allowed to move animals from the barn to the treatment areas without a Wisconsin State Fair veterinarian present.
    D. Exhibitors who violate the authorized treatment protocol may be disqualified.
11. For animal welfare, public safety and liability reasons exhibitors may not use space in or around their exhibits to conduct any type of direct contact/petting/feeding or photo opportunities geared toward fairgoers/public.

ENTRY INFORMATION

1. **Online Entry** – To enter online, please go to entry.wistatefair.com. Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express are accepted. Any online entry not completed and paid by 7 pm Central Time on May 20, 2026, is considered late and will be charged late fees; entries not paid by 7 pm Central Time on May 27, 2026, will not be accepted.
2. All entries must be made in accordance with the terms and conditions. There are no refunds of entry fees once entries have been accepted. Entries are not accepted over the phone. There is no swapping or reselling of entries.
3. Entries (including substitutions) will not be considered complete unless ***all*** required information is fully completed and full remittance is submitted online. **Entries (including substitutions) must contain complete exhibitor information** (including

properly completed form W-9) **and complete animal information** as required by each department (including for example: birthdate, ear notch, ear tag/scrapie tag, name, registration number, etc.). Entries and substitutions without required information and/or fees, including department fees (including but not limited to horse fees, stall fees, pen fees, etc.) will not be accepted. No additions or changes to entries or substitution animals will be accepted after the late Junior entry deadline. See the "Junior General Rules and Regulations" section on wistatefair.com for additional rules.

4. Wisconsin State Fair reserves the right to reject, accept, or conditionally accept any entry or late entry from any exhibitor.

ANIMAL REGISTRATION AND OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

1. **Ownership Requirements:** Junior exhibitors may enter and show ***owned, co-owned and non-owned*** breeding stock animals. There are no mandated registration certificate ownership requirements and/or registration/transfer deadlines for owned, co-owned and non-owned animals.
    - **A. Owned:** animals registered in the name of the Junior exhibitor only.
    - **B. Co-Owned:** animals registered in the name of the Junior exhibitor and another person(s) or farm.
    - **C. Non-Owned:** animals registered in the name of anyone other than the Junior exhibitor.
2. All registered animals showing in Junior Breeding or Market show breed classes must meet national breed association requirements for exhibition to be eligible to show at Wisconsin State Fair. Animals whose registration certificates have been suspended/invalidated will not be eligible to show. Animals with registration certificates marked "not eligible to show" will not be eligible to show in breed classes (Breeding or Market shows) but will be able to show in the commercial, unregistered, or crossbred classes, if available.
3. **Bred and Owned Requirements:** The junior exhibitor's name must be currently listed on the registration certificate as an owner or co-owner of the entry, and also as the original breeder or co-breeder. ***Please note:*** Embryo transfer animals will only be considered Bred and Owned when the donor dam is owned by the exhibitor at the time of collection.
4. **Registration Certificates:** The breed association original, a breed association duplicate, and emails directly from the breed associations to the Entry Office to verify registration will be accepted and checked by Wisconsin State Fair management or authorized breed association representatives. The registration certificate must be valid at the time of entry and also when the animal is checked in at the Fair.
5. **Identification:** All animals are subject to a permanent identification and age inspection by representatives of the breed associations, Wisconsin State Fair on-site veterinarian, or Wisconsin State Fair management. Questionable age verification will be determined by Wisconsin State Fair management and that decision is final.

CLASS ELIGIBILITY

1. **Any Other Breed Division:** Registered animals MUST show in the offered/published breed division (if applicable). If no breed division exists, the animal will be shown in the Any Other Breed Division if offered. Animals shown in the Any Other Breed Division must be registered through their national breed association. An animal registered with multiple national breed associations may only be shown in one breed division at the current Fair.
2. **Champion Classes**: Only first and second place winners in the respective classes are eligible to compete for champion and reserve champion awards. All first-place animals are required to show in champion classes unless excused by the Superintendent.

EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY:

Junior Division competitions, contests, exhibits, demonstrations, and special activity opportunities are provided by Wisconsin State Fair for Wisconsin residents/participants who have a desire to demonstrate outstanding youth achievement. Youth are encouraged to actively participate in youth educational programs/organizations which enhance project awareness but there are no youth organization membership requirements to exhibit in Youth Exhibits or the Junior animal Departments of Wisconsin State Fair. Wisconsin State Fair Park does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), physical ability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations.

1. **Age Requirement – Animal Shows:** Participation in Wisconsin State Fair Junior livestock and small animal shows (beef, dairy cattle, boer and dairy goats, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine) is open to any Wisconsin resident 12-19 years of age as of January 1st of the current year.
2. **Wisconsin Residence Requirement:** Eligible youth must be residents of Wisconsin by the date of the Junior late entry deadline. Non-resident youth may complete a Non-Resident Youth Waiver Application (found in the General Junior Show Information portion of the Junior Livestock Show page on wistatefair.com) for non-resident approval. This form must be emailed to the Wisconsin State Fair Agriculture Department Director or their designee prior to January 1st for the current year's Fair (entryoffice@wistatefair.com). Consideration for approval of non-resident participation will only be reviewed

for non-Wisconsin residents who are affiliated with Wisconsin-based youth organizations and/or Wisconsin County Fairs and who do not exhibit in County/State Fairs in another State. Applicants will be notified of approval/declination by January 31st.

3. **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Certified at time of entry: Certification must be active for the dates of the Fair.** All junior exhibitors exhibiting animals in any Junior Departments must be YQCA certified at the time of entry. The certification must remain active through the dates of the Fair. The YQCA certification program is a national education program built around foundational pillars of animal agriculture (animal welfare, food safety and character education). The program is offered online or in person at regional locations throughout Wisconsin. For more information go to yqcaprogram.org.

EXHIBITOR VENDING: Junior exhibitors are not permitted to sell anything (goods or services) to Fairgoers and exhibitors out of their assigned exhibitor space.

FEED AND BEDDING Service: Wisconsin State Fair will have limited amounts of feed and bedding for sale. Orders may be placed during the Fair but to ensure availability exhibitors are encouraged to place orders in advance.

Advance Orders: Order forms can be found on wistatefair.com in June. Orders can be mailed or emailed to entryoffice@wistatefair.com **after June 15th.**

All orders must be paid in full **at the entry office** before leaving the Fair Park. Check or credit card payments will be accepted. Checks should be made payable to Wisconsin State Fair. Checks returned to Wisconsin State Fair from a financial institution for any reason will be charged a $20.00 service fee. Payment must be made within 5 business days of notification from Wisconsin State Fair. In the event of nonpayment, prize money will be withheld, and future entries will not be accepted until the balance is settled.

Feed and bedding orders will be delivered mornings and evenings during the Fair. Orders placed in the morning will be delivered that evening. Orders placed in the afternoon/evening will be delivered the next morning. Please plan your needs accordingly.

FITTING: Fitting includes, but is not limited to, the day-to-day management practices of feeding, exercising and show preparation. Complete information regarding junior fitting rules is found in the Junior General Rules and Regulations on wistatefair.com.

SHOWRING EXPECTATIONS

1. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to have entries ready to enter the showring when show management calls for the class to enter the ring. Animals must enter the show ring when the class is called. The judge, ring steward or show management has the right to determine the deadline for late arrivals and close the class. Any exhibitor who misses his/her class is not a contender for the prize money offered. Classes will not be re-run for any animals missing a class. If an animal misses a class, the animal cannot be put in another class to be judged.
2. Cell phones, smartwatches, ear buds, headphones, and other electronic devices may not be present or used in the showring.
3. All exhibitors must be properly dressed while in the show ring. No firm, farm or name identification shall be carried, worn or displayed on the exhibitor or animal while in the makeup area or the show ring. Fair management may remove the exhibitor/animal from these areas until compliance is met.
4. Exhibitors are required to wear a harness or clip to display the assigned (5"x 7") exhibitor number when in the ring. Exhibitors must wear the correct exhibitor number to have their animal considered for placement by a judge. Violators will not be permitted to enter the ring.
5. Judges have been carefully selected. All exhibitors making entry for the Fair accept these judges and agree to abide by their decisions. It is prohibited for exhibitors to contact or attempt to contact a judge after the judge has accepted the assignment of judging at Wisconsin State Fair. No exhibitor should socialize, fraternize, or visit with a judge during the show(s). If any exhibitor, exhibitor's family member, employee, or adult facilitator attempts to interfere with the judge in any manner, the exhibitor shall forfeit all prize money awarded and may be excluded from further competition. The decision of the judge will be final in all cases. Judges are not permitted to show in classes they are judging. Wisconsin State Fair reserves the right to change judges at any time.
6. Each animal shall be exhibited to the entire satisfaction of the judges. After a class has started no animal(s) shall be permitted to leave the ring before the entire class has been judged/placed without the approval of the judge. Upon final placing, exhibitors are requested to remain in position in line or parade while the judge is giving his/her reasons. Any violation of this rule will cause forfeiture of all prize money won by the exhibitor.

7. Regardless of the number of exhibitors competing in a class, the judge may recommend any placing at his or her discretion. Judges will not place unworthy entries.
8. The decision of the judge will be final in all cases except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion not discovered at the time of the award is proven. The Agriculture Director reserves the right to consult with the Wisconsin State Fair Agriculture Committee on any or all cases.
9. Should a first placed entry be disqualified after winning its class, but before its respective division championship, the second and third place animals will move up to first and second in the class and compete for champion in the division. If a second-place animal is disqualified, the third-place animal will move up. Should a division animal champion be disqualified after winning its division but before selection of Grand Champion, the reserve division champion will move up to champion and compete for Grand Championship. In this case, no attempt will be made to replace the division reserve champion. If a division reserve champion animal is disqualified, no shifting upward will occur and no attempt to replace the reserve champion will be made. After Grand Championship judging has been completed, there will be no shifting upward or replacement of any placings.
10. **Junior Exhibitors must show the animals they entered** unless the Superintendent has granted prior approval for a substitute showperson. Approval may be considered for the following reasons: multiple animals in the same class, multiple animals in the show ring at the same time in different species, serious injury, or hardship. An exhibitor substitution form to request approval for another active (checked in and actively showing within the department) Wisconsin State Fair junior exhibitor to show the exhibition animal may be obtained from the Superintendent's office and must be submitted to the department Superintendent by 7 pm the day **prior** to the start of the show.
11. **Junior Exhibitor Conduct:** Wisconsin State Fair management has the authority without liability or recourse to the Wisconsin State Fair Park Board to bar any exhibitor or his/her representatives in the event of a discourteous act to a judge or an official of the Fair and will have the power to disqualify the entry/entries of said exhibitor. In the event of such disqualification, the exhibitor forfeits all fees paid as well as any prize money and awards won.

STALLING and EQUIPMENT

1. **Barn Hours:** Stalls and animals must be kept accessible to the public while the barn is open (9am to 9pm).
2. No one is allowed to sleep in the barns.
3. Exhibitors are encouraged to decorate their stalling area to promote a positive image of agriculture.
4. All waste, feed, manure, and trash should be disposed of properly.
5. **Storm Sewers:** All storm sewers within Wisconsin State Fair Park grounds drain directly to Honey Creek , which drains to the Menomonee River and Lake Michigan. All storm sewer inlets and manholes are spray painted red and labeled. To protect these water resources, do not place or dump anything in/near the red storm sewers or catch basins. The only places to dump water/grey water are the green grates which lead to sanitary sewers.
6. The use of feed dispensers for Fairgoers to feed animals is strictly prohibited.
7. **Stall Equipment:** Exhibitors are encouraged to bring pen dividers for separating animals and designating tack areas. Pen dimensions in the Sheep Barn are 5' wide x 7' deep x 46" tall; in the Swine Barn, pens are 6' wide x 8' deep x 42" tall. Horse stalls are 10' x 10'. No equipment is approved for use in the aisles.
8. **Bedding:**
   A. The use of sand for bedding is prohibited.
   B. Exhibitors using carpeting must remove all carpeting prior to leaving the Fair.
   C. Dairy Cattle: No more than 8 inches of straw pack is recommended. Large square bales are permitted but the use of motorized handling equipment is prohibited. Wisconsin State Fair is not responsible or liable for movement. Large bales left behind after the show may be subject to a removal fee.
9. **Extension Cords**: All cords must conform to manufacturer and Wisconsin State Fair recommendations for safety. No cords will be permitted in the aisles or in public areas (above or on a surface) without being properly secured. Wisconsin State Fair management retains the authority to determine what is acceptable.
10. **Fans:**
    A. **Beef and Dairy Cattle:** The use of one (1) fan no larger than 24" in diameter per animal is allowed.
    B. **Goats, Sheep, and Swine:** the use of one (1) fan no larger than 24" in diameter per pen is allowed.
    C. All fans must conform to manufacturer and Wisconsin State Fair recommendations for safety. Overhead fans must be hung from the front wall on either side of the pen. Floor fans may only be used to move air for the entire display and must be kept out of the aisles. The Superintendent reserves the right to determine acceptable placement and usage.
    D. No other air movement, chilling and/or cooling devices are allowed.

11. **Generators:** The use of portable power sources is permitted. Generators must be kept a minimum of 5' from buildings in the designated locations on the Fairgrounds.
12. **Gas/Diesel/Propane Storage Containers:** Containers holding hazardous/flammable materials cannot be stored on the grounds.
13. **Livestock Scales:** No personal livestock scales are allowed on Wisconsin State Fair Park grounds. Exhibitors using an unofficial scale will be disqualified from participating and/or placing, and prize money in the shows will be forfeited.
14. **Show Equipment:** Show boxes, feed, bedding, and other show equipment used for the care of livestock must be kept neatly in the exhibitor's designated area and out of the public aisles. All livestock and livestock housing areas must be kept orderly and safe to demonstrate a positive image of animal agriculture to the public.
15. **Grooming Chutes/Grooming Stands/Milking Stands:** Chutes/Stands are only allowed in the barn aisles 60 minutes before the show until 30 minutes after the show. Exhibitors using chutes/stands must store them out of the public walkways. Chutes/Stands **MUST** be placed in tack areas or other designated areas when not in use for fitting.
16. Exhibitors may not bring their own skidsters or other machinery to offload any equipment or supplies. Wisconsin State Fair is not able to unload personal equipment and supplies.

Admissions, Parking and Lodging

FAIRGROUNDS ADMISSION

Exhibitor Admission: Limit of 50 admission tickets per exhibitor

Exhibitor Tickets Purchased from May 1 to July 15	$7
Exhibitor Tickets Purchased after July 15 at Coliseum Entry Office	$10

General Admission tickets purchased during the Fair at the Gate:

Adults (12 & over)	$20
Seniors (60 & over)	$15
Military/Veterans with ID	$15
Youth, ages 6 – 11 years	$13
Children 5 and under	Free

1. Exhibitors may choose downloadable or mailed exhibitor admission tickets at time of order.
2. All exhibitors and family members must have valid admission to enter the Fair Park August 6 – 16, 2026.
3. Each admission ticket can only be scanned once. If an exhibitor would like to exit and re-enter the Fair Park during the day, he or she MUST get his or her hand stamped at the admission gates.
4. Admission tickets which are wet, sun-damaged, lost or stolen will not be replaced. No refunds are given for any unused admission tickets.
5. Admission fees do not include vehicle parking.

EXHIBITOR PARKING

1. **Vehicle Parking:**
   A. **Blue Ribbon Off-site Parking**: **Free**
      i. Off-site Agriculture Exhibitor vehicle parking lot with easy access from I-94.
      ii. This lot has 24-hour attendant, in and out privileges and overnight parking.
      iii. A free shuttle will run continuously from noon, Tuesday, August 4th through the duration of the Fair. The shuttle will pick up and drop off near Gate 5.
      iv. Trailers are not allowed to park in this lot (see trailer parking below).
   B. **General Fair Park Parking**: **In Advance:** $18 per day/vehicle
      At the Gate: $18 per day/vehicle Monday through Thursday
      $22 per day/vehicle Friday/Saturday/Sunday
      i. Valid for one vehicle admission per day (no in and out privileges).
      ii. Purchase upon arrival at any vehicle access gate (except Gate 5). Parking is not guaranteed.
      iii. No overnight parking is allowed.
2. **Trailer Parking:** A **free** Wisconsin State Fair off-site trailer parking lot will be available and assigned upon arrival. All trailers **MUST** be parked offsite. Exhibitors cannot sleep in their trailers overnight or keep any animals in trailers at the offsite lots.

HOUSING OPTIONS

1. Wisconsin State Fair Livestock barns are not approved for overnight sleeping accommodations by the local fire department. Sleeping in the barns is not permitted.
2. **Campers/RVs:** Please contact the Wisconsin State Fair RV Park at 414.266.7035 for availability and rates. This is the only location on the grounds where camping is permitted.
3. **Hotels near Wisconsin State Fair Park:**
   A. Hampton Inn & Suites Milwaukee West, 8201 West Greenfield Ave, West Allis, 414.436.2300.
   B. Best Western Plus Milwaukee West, 5501 W National Ave, Milwaukee 53214, 414.671.6400
   C. Days Inn by Wyndham Inn West Allis/Milwaukee, 1673 S 108th St, West Allis, 414.562.6816.
   D. Forty Winks Inn, 11017 W Bluemound Rd, Wauwatosa 53226, 800.946.5746.
   E. Baymont by Wyndham, 2111 E Moreland Blvd, Waukesha 53186, 262.232.7980.
4. The Greater Milwaukee Convention & Visitors Bureau (visitmilwaukee.org; 800.554.1448) has a list of all hotels in the greater Southeastern Wisconsin area.
5. **Tommy G. Thompson Youth Center**: VAGCs are given the first opportunity to rent Youth Center rooms for their group use during Junior Show sessions; VAICs are eligible to rent a room if space permits after the VAGC reservation period is closed. Rooms may be occupied only by approved VAGCs, VAICs and Junior exhibitors showing in the current session. Wisconsin State Fair will send reservation information directly to all approved VAGCs in June. Additional information is available at wistatefair.com/pdfs/competitions/entry_info/TGT_Junior_Summary.pdf