

# BEEF CATTLE DEPARTMENT

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## Dates & Times:

Date	Time	Description	Location
Thursday, July 18	8:00 AM	Beef Cattle may begin to arrive	ONLY THRU GATE 2
Saturday, July 20	8:00 AM	Beef Cattle must be in place	
	8:00 AM	<b>Mandatory</b> Barn Meeting & Weigh Ins <b>IMPORTANT</b>	Kent Building
Tuesday, July 23	8:00 AM	Beef Cattle Show (Jr & Open, Showmanship, Market Steer & Feeder Calf)	Quillen Arena
	7:00 PM	Livestock Extravaganza	Kent Building
Thursday, July 25	6:30 PM	Junior Livestock Auction	Kent Building
Sunday, July 28	1:00 AM	Beef Cattle may be removed from the grounds	ONLY THRU GATE 2
	8:00 AM	All Beef Cattle must be removed from the grounds	

## Arrival & Departure:

1. Animals may arrive on Thursday, July 18 starting at 8:00 AM and MUST be in place by 8:00 AM, Saturday, July 20.
2. All remaining animals may not leave the grounds before 1:00 AM, Sunday, July 28 or premiums will be forfeited.
3. Stall assignments will be assigned by the Superintendent based on the number of entries. Stall requests may be submitted with entries and will be honored as space permits. Exhibitors may not move their stall assignment.
4. The Beef Department will only be allowed access through Gate 2 for arrival and departure.

## Entry Information & Fees:

1. Entries can only be made online via the Delaware State Fair's website beginning 9:00 AM April 1, 2024 thru 11:59 PM June 1, 2024.
2. \$10.00 entry fee per class (excluding groups/pairs and showmanship) is required for all Open show entries. A \$10.00 entry fee per class (excluding groups/pairs and showmanship) is required for all Junior show entries.
3. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to read all [General Animal Exhibitor Rules on the Fair's website](#).
4. Entries are restricted to Delaware residents and active Delaware 4-H members regardless of residency.

## General Rules & Regulations:

1. All animals are subject to be used in the Livestock Judging contest and Extravaganza.
2. **Pending animal information MUST be updated by July 1 with the Delaware State Fair office. If pending animal information is not updated you will be ineligible to show.**
3. Due to fans (or ventilation) in the Schabinger Pavilion, portable fans will not be permitted.

## Department Rules & Regulations:

1. This year, the Beef Department will have the opportunity to upload registration papers to the ShoWorks portal to check birth dates of animals and class entries. If you do plan to upload your registration papers to the platform to expedite the check in process, please do so before July 1st 2024. Please visit our website or call the premiums office for assistance with this process. This will NOT take the place of physical registration papers being presented during check in with inspection of the animal so please be sure to bring the original copies to the fair.
2. **Mandatory Barn Meeting Saturday, July 20 at 8:00AM - Kent Building.** Weigh-ins will take place following the Barn Meeting and all original, hard copy registration papers and tattoos will be checked immediately following weigh-ins at the indoor wash rack. All breed animals must be tattooed prior to arriving on fairgrounds.
3. Your first bedding will be provided by the Fair. **Mulch bedding is the only acceptable bedding in the barn.**
4. All steers must fit into a weight class or will not be eligible to show. All market steers and feeder calves shown must display a current year Delaware State Fair ear tag. Weight class will be determined after weigh-ins. Feeders: 350 to 700 pounds. Market: 1,000 to 1,500 pounds.
5. Adhesives may be used; however, any product used to alter the conformation and/or appearance of an animal for exhibition is prohibited. This is a no paint show. The use of dyes or other coloring agents to camouflage the natural coloring of an animal is prohibited. Use of false tail heads or switches is also prohibited.
6. All castrations must be completely healed.
7. Tie out between the horse barns will be allowed from 9:00 PM to 9:00 AM. Tie out bedding will not be provided. Clean out is **required nightly** and all manure is to be brought to the designated manure bins. All tie out areas must be cleaned completely out by Saturday, July 27 at 5:00 PM. Exhibitors who do not comply will forfeit premiums. No grooming chutes will be permitted in the tie-out area. **Tie out areas are at your own risk. All animals must have a regular rope halter and neck rope on and be tied at all times.** Animals may not run loose in the tie out area.
8. Any animals not eligible to show or not in show condition must leave the grounds immediately. Due to the safety of all exhibitors and fair patrons, any unmanageable animals must leave the fairgrounds immediately.

## Adding or Eliminating Breeds:

1. If your breed is not listed, please enter all other registered breeds.
2. A new breed class will be created if there are 6 or more animals by two or more exhibitors.
3. If, however, a breed class is not represented by 6 or more animals then that breed class will be eliminated and will show in the All Other Breeds (AOB) Class.
4. When entering All Other Registered Breeds class, please list breed on the on-line entry form.
5. Not more than two premiums may be earned by one exhibitor in any class. For purposes of this rule, exhibitors to be counted shall include the adult owners of a farm or business entity in whose farm or business name an animal may be registered. For more information refer to Rule 3, General Animal Rules, Section D, Ownership.(It is recommended that inexperienced youth not exhibit in any class except ages 1 year and under in open classes only.)





2	\$57.25	\$51.75								
3	\$58.50	\$53.00	\$47.50							
4	\$59.50	\$54.00	\$48.50	\$43.00						
5	\$60.50	\$55.00	\$49.50	\$44.00	\$38.50					
6	\$61.75	\$56.25	\$50.75	\$45.25	\$39.75	\$34.25				
7	\$62.75	\$57.25	\$51.75	\$46.25	\$40.75	\$35.25	\$29.75			
8	\$64.00	\$58.50	\$53.00	\$47.50	\$42.00	\$36.50	\$31.00	\$25.50		
9	\$65.00	\$59.50	\$54.00	\$48.50	\$43.00	\$37.50	\$32.00	\$26.50	\$21.00	
10	\$66.00	\$60.50	\$55.00	\$49.50	\$44.00	\$38.50	\$33.00	\$27.50	\$22.00	\$22.00

Aberdeen – Angus	Charolais	Limousin
Red Angus	Hereford	Shorthorn
Maine Anjou	Simmental	All Other Registered Breeds

Class #	Class Description	Awards
3	Cow/Calf Class- Cows 3 (three) years of age and younger Calf must be the cows most recent natural calf and be no more than 280 days of age on the day of the show Calves must be shown in an individual breed class	
4	Cow/Calf Class- Cows 4 (four) years of age and older Calf must be the cows most recent natural calf and be no more than 280 days of age on the day of the show Calves must be shown in an individual breed class.	
Do not enter	Grand Champion Cow/Calf	Rosette
Do not enter	Reserve Champion Cow/Calf	Ribbon
5	Late Junior Heifer Calf (born 3/1/24 - 4/30/24)	
6	Early Junior Heifer Calf (born 1/1/24 - 2/29/24)	
7	Late Senior Heifer Calf (born 11/1/23 - 12/31/23)	
8	Early Senior Heifer Calf (born 9/1/23 - 10/31/23)	
9	Late Summer Yearling Heifer (born 7/1/23 - 8/31/23)	
10	Early Summer Yearling Heifer (born 5/1/23 – 6/30/23)	
11	Late Junior Yearling Heifer (born 3/1/23 – 4/30/23)	
12	Early Junior Yearling Heifer (born 1/1/23 – 2/28/23)	
13	Late Senior Yearling Heifer (born 11/1/22 – 12/31/22)	
14	Early Senior Yearling Heifer (born 9/1/22-10/31/22)	
Do not enter	Grand Champion Heifer	Rosette
Do not enter	Reserve Champion Heifer	Ribbon
15	Late Junior Bull Calf (born 3/1/24-4/30/24)	
16	Early Junior Bull Calf (born 1/1/24-2/29/24)	
17	Late Senior Bull Calf (born 11/1/23-12/31/23)	
18	Early Senior Bull Calf (born 9/1/23-10/31/23)	
19	Late Summer Bull (born 7/1/23-8/31/23)	
20	Early Summer Bull (5/1/23-6/30/23)	
21	Late Junior Yearling Bull (born 3/1/23-4/30/23)	

22	Early Junior Yearling Bull (born 1/1/23-2/28/23)	
23	Senior Yearling Bull (born 9/1/22-12/31/22)	
24	Late 2-year old Bull (born 5/1/22-8/31/22)	
25	Early 2-year old Bull (1/1/22-4/30/22)	
Do not enter	Grand Champion Bull	Rosette
Do not enter	Reserve Champion Bull	Ribbon
26	2 Bulls bred and owned by exhibitor	
27	Get of sire: 2 animals from above classes, the get of one sire, both sexes represented, need not to be owned by the exhibitor.	
28	Breeders best 4 Head. All animals must be shown in individual classes to be eligible.	
29	Delaware Special: Two heads of any age, bred and owned by the exhibitor. DE residents only, regardless of 4-H membership.	
Do not enter	Supreme Heifer	Banner
Do not enter	Supreme Bull	Banner

## SHOWMANSHIP

### Rules:

1. In order to participate in showmanship, the exhibitor must show their own animal and that animal must be shown in an individual junior class.
2. Feeder calf classes are for heifers and steers only. Registered heifers shown as a feeder calf are considered terminal, therefore may not be shown in a breed class also.
3. No bulls allowed in any junior class.
4. Showmanship classes may be adjusted due to class size. \*Only 1st place showmanship class winners will be considered for grand and reserve showman.

<u>Premium Schedule for Showmanship Classes</u>										
# of Exhibitors	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1	\$34.25									
2	\$35.25	\$29.75								
3	\$36.50	\$31.00	\$25.50							
4	\$37.50	\$32.00	\$26.50	\$21.00						
5	\$38.50	\$33.00	\$27.50	\$22.00	\$16.50					
6	\$39.75	\$34.25	\$28.75	\$23.25	\$17.75	\$17.75				
7	\$40.75	\$35.25	\$29.75	\$24.25	\$18.75	\$18.75	\$18.75			
8	\$42.00	\$36.50	\$31.00	\$25.50	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00		
9	\$43.00	\$37.50	\$32.00	\$26.50	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$21.00	
10	\$44.00	\$38.50	\$33.00	\$27.50	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00

Class #	Class Description	Awards
30	Showmanship age 21	
31	Showmanship age 20	
32	Showmanship age 19	
33	Showmanship age 18	

34	Showmanship age 17	
35	Showmanship age 16	
36	Showmanship age 15	
37	Showmanship age 14	
38	Showmanship age 13	
Do not enter	Senior Grand Champion Showman	Rosette
Do not enter	Senior Reserve Champion Showman	Ribbon

**CAREY BELT MEMORIAL AWARD:** The Champion Senior Showman's name will be displayed on a plaque in the Main Office. The plaque honors the memory of Carey Belt, a former top Beef Showman at the Delaware State Fair.

**SENIOR GRAND CHAMPION BELT BUCKLE:** A Belt Buckle sponsored by Mogle Cattle Co. will be presented to the Senior Grand Showman.

**SENIOR RESERVE CHAMPION BELT BUCKLE:** A Belt Buckle sponsored by Black Eyed Susan Cattle Co. will be presented to the Senior Reserve Showman.

Class #	Class Description	Awards
39	Showmanship age 12	
40	Showmanship age 11	
41	Showmanship age 10	
42	Showmanship ages 5-9	
Do not enter	Junior Grand Champion Showman	Rosette
Do not enter	Junior Reserve Champion Showman	Ribbon

**JUNIOR GRAND CHAMPION BELT BUCKLE:** A Belt Buckle sponsored by Inside & Out Property Management. LLC will be presented to the Junior Grand Showman.

**JUNIOR RESERVE CHAMPION BELT BUCKLE:** A Belt Buckle sponsored by Walton Farms will be presented to the Junior Reserve Showman.

## JUNIOR SHOW

**Rules:**

1. Health regulations are the same as Open Class Beef Cattle requirements. All rules of Open Class apply.
2. Entries are limited to Delaware residents only. Active Delaware 4-H members are permitted to exhibit in junior livestock shows regardless of residency. The exhibitor(s) will also be eligible to enter in Open Classes.
3. All animals entered in breed classes must be accompanied by original, hard copy registration papers in the name of the junior exhibitor only.
4. Only one entry per class in the Junior Show. These animals will also be eligible to enter Open Classes upon payment of \$10.00 entry fee per animal.
5. Classes may be adjusted if there are less than 3 animals in any one class.
6. Junior show breed classes will show simultaneously with the Open show breed classes.

Premium Schedule for Junior Classes

# of Exhibitors	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1	\$34.25									
2	\$35.25	\$29.75								
3	\$36.50	\$31.00	\$25.50							
4	\$37.50	\$32.00	\$26.50	\$21.00						
5	\$38.50	\$33.00	\$27.50	\$22.00	\$16.50					
6	\$39.75	\$34.25	\$28.75	\$23.25	\$17.75	\$17.75				
7	\$40.75	\$35.25	\$29.75	\$24.25	\$18.75	\$18.75	\$18.75			
8	\$42.00	\$36.50	\$31.00	\$25.50	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00		
9	\$43.00	\$37.50	\$32.00	\$26.50	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$21.00	
10	\$44.00	\$38.50	\$33.00	\$27.50	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00

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Maine Anjou	Simmental	All Other Registered Breeds

Class #	Class Description	Awards
43	Late Junior Heifer Calf (born 3/1/24 - 4/30/24)	
44	Early Junior Heifer Calf (born 1/1/24- 2/29/24)	
45	Late Senior Heifer Calf (born 11/1/23 - 12/31/23)	
46	Early Senior Heifer Calf (born 9/1/23 - 10/31/23)	
47	Late Summer Yearling Heifer (born 7/1/23 - 8/31/23)	
48	Early Summer Yearling Heifer (born 5/1/23 - 6/30/23)	
49	Late Junior Yearling Heifer (born 3/1/23 - 4/30/23)	
50	Early Junior Yearling Heifer (born 1/1/23 - 2/28/23)	
51	Late Senior Yearling Heifer (born 11/1/22 - 12/31/22)	
52	Early Senior Yearling Heifer (born 9/1/22 - 10/31/22)	
Do not enter	Grand Champion Heifer	Rosette
Do not enter	Reserve Champion Heifer	Ribbon
53	DE Bred & Owned Champion Heifer Juniors only Registration must be 100% in junior's name Exhibitors must be a DE resident regardless of 4-H/FFA membership	An award sponsored by Tomahawk Cattle Company

**MARKET CLASSES**

Rules:

1. All junior market animal exhibitors **MUST** complete a Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training certification class (online or in-person), unless they have an existing Youth Pork Quality Assurance (YPQA) certification that is valid through July 27, 2024. The YQCA training certification course can be done either in person or online, **but must be completed to enter a market animal in the 2024**

**Delaware State Fair. Exhibitors will be asked upon entry to provide their YQCA certification before moving forward with their entries.**

- a. This mandatory training requirement shall apply to all those exhibiting market animals. The training certification is not limited to only market animal exhibitors and all exhibitors are encouraged to consider completing this course.
  - b. If you are a junior market animal exhibitor and have not attended or completed the online YQCA course nor currently have an existing YPQA valid certification **by the deadline (June 1, 2024)**, you will not be permitted to show your market animal(s).
  - c. For more detailed information about the YQCA requirement and how to fulfill the requirements please [click here](#) to visit the Fair’s website.
2. The exhibitor of the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Steer is strongly encouraged to place their animals in the Junior Livestock Auction. Please refer to additional information in the Junior Livestock Auction section of our website.
  3. Steers will be judged as finished and ready for slaughter. Dairy Breeds are accepted.
  4. Please refer to the General Livestock Rules in the section under General Information on the website for weigh-in information. FEEDER CALVES NOT ELIGIBLE.
  5. As a convenience to exhibitors who have determined that they consider the Fair as a terminal event for their market animal(s), the Fair has solicited one or more private/ independent buyers to contact Exhibitors about purchasing their animal(s). The Fair exercises best efforts to identify reliable and dependable buyers, however the Fair will not under any circumstances be responsible for any issue(s) that may develop between the exhibitors and the buyers. None of these requirements are meant to preclude an exhibitor from entering into a private sale with whomever they decide. None of these Buyers have any affiliation with the Fair. Exhibitors who decide to sell their animals to any Buyer are reminded of the following: (1) all terms and conditions of each sale such as price, animal weight, total consideration to be paid, when payment is to be made, the time and date the animal(s) will be transferred to the Buyer, etc. are matters strictly between the Exhibitor and the Buyer. The Fair is not in any way responsible for any aspect of the transaction including payment and transfer of ownership and possession of the animal; and (2) the Exhibitor is responsible for caring for the animal until the Buyer takes possession; and (3) selling an animal to a Buyer does not relieve the Exhibitor from the obligation to have the animal(s) removed from the fairgrounds by the scheduled release time(s).
  6. If two market animals entered by the same exhibitor are determined to be in the same weight class, the heavier animal shall be moved up to the next higher weight class, thereby allowing the exhibitor the opportunity to show both animals. If two market animals entered by the same exhibitor are determined to be in the heaviest weight class, the exhibitor shall choose which animal will be struck from the competition.

Premium Schedule for Market Classes

# of Exhibitors	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1	\$45.25									
2	\$46.25	\$24.25								
3	\$47.50	\$25.50	\$25.50							
4	\$48.50	\$26.50	\$26.50	\$26.50						
5	\$49.50	\$27.50	\$27.50	\$27.50	\$27.50					



6	\$50.75	\$28.75	\$28.75	\$28.75	\$28.75	\$28.75				
7	\$51.75	\$29.75	\$29.75	\$29.75	\$29.75	\$29.75	\$29.75			
8	\$53.00	\$31.00	\$31.00	\$31.00	\$31.00	\$31.00	\$31.00	\$31.00		
9	\$54.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	
10	\$55.00	\$33.00	\$33.00	\$33.00	\$33.00	\$33.00	\$33.00	\$33.00	\$33.00	\$33.00

Class #	Class Description	Awards
54	Market Steer	
55	Beef Finishing Project Entries must have prior year Feeder Calf tag and current year Market Steer tag. Must meet weight requirements both years and be shown/exhibited by the same exhibitor both years.	
Do not enter	Grand Champion Steer	Banner
Do not enter	Reserve Champion Steer	Banner

**GRAND CHAMPION MARKET STEER AWARD:** An award sponsored by The Palmer Family will be presented to the Grand Champion Market Steer Exhibitor.

Class #	Class Description	Awards
56	Feeder Calf	
Do not enter	Grand Champion Feeder Calf	Rosette
Do not enter	Reserve Champion Feeder Calf	Ribbon

**GRAND CHAMPION FEEDER CALF AWARD:** An award sponsored by Ebert Family Simmentals will be presented to the Grand Champion Feeder Calf Exhibitor.