

Youth Beef Cattle Show

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Entries due August 15

Judge: Matt Claeys, Purdue University

2009 Official Schedule

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| Arrival: | Thursday, October 1 at 6 p.m. through Friday, October 2 at 6 p.m. Saturday, October 3 at 9 a.m. |
| Cattle Weighing: Hip Height and Weigh | Saturday, October 3 at 10:30 a.m. |
| Commercial Heifers: | Saturday, October 3 at 10:30 a.m. |
| Devotional Service: | Sunday, October 4 at 8 a.m. |
| Record Books Due (Market Beef Only): | Sunday, October 4 at 12 noon |
| Release Time: | Sunday, October 4 at 3 p.m. |

Judging Schedule

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| Breeding Cattle: | Saturday, October 3 at Noon |
| Commercial Heifers: | Saturday, October 3 at 5:30 p.m. |

Supreme Champion Female selection

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| Market Beef: | Saturday, October 3, following Heifer show |
| Showmanship: | Sunday, October 4 at 10 a.m. |
| Feeder Steers: | Sunday, Oct. 4 following Showmanship (estimated start 12:30 p.m.) |

Youth Beef Show Rules:

The State Fair General Rules, the Livestock Rules and the Show Ring Code of Ethics apply to this department. By submitting an entry you agree to read and abide by these rules.

1. 4-H and FFA members who are currently enrolled in Virginia are eligible to compete. Exhibitors must be at least 9 years of age by September 30 of the current year (exception for 8 & under costume class) (costume class does not apply to the beef show) and must not have had their 19th birthday before January 1 of current year.
2. All youth beef, sheep, and swine entries are subject to on-farm inspections to verify entry information. All exhibitors must agree to accommodate such inspections.
3. There is no entry fee to participate. **NOTE: Entries must be made on-line at www.statefairva.org, under 'State Fair' and then 'Competitions.'**
4. For additional Exhibitor Sale Tickets, please use order form on-line, and print and mail to:
Youth Beef, State Fair of Virginia, P.O. Box 26805, Richmond, VA 23261-6805.

Showmanship

1. All exhibitors entering cattle in the Youth Beef Show may participate in Showmanship. Please indicate your intention to participate on the entry form. Scratches must be made before 6 p.m. Saturday.
2. Classes will be judged on showmanship only. Animals must be clean, dry, and unfitted. No artificial substances may be applied to the hair.
3. Exhibitors must show an animal that is entered in their name in the Youth Beef Show.

Classes:

1. Novice Division- for exhibitors showing for the first time at the State Fair, and who are 12 years of age or younger on September 30 of current year
2. Junior Division – Exhibitors who are 12 years of age and younger on September 30 of current year.
3. Intermediate Division – Exhibitors 13-15 years of age on September 30 of current year.
4. Senior Division – Exhibitors who were 16 years of age and older on September 30 of current year.

Premiums for Placings in the Showmanship Division Finals

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| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th | 7th | 8th | 9th | 10th |
| \$25 | \$20 | \$15 | \$11 | \$10 | \$9 | \$8 | \$7 | \$6 | \$5 |

Banners will be awarded to winners of the four Showmanship Divisions.

All exhibitors will receive a \$5 award and participation ribbon in the qualifying classes for the showmanship division in which they compete.

Market Beef Show (New for 09 – all entries must be nominated and tagged)
To be eligible for exhibition, all Market Beef entries must have been nominated and identified at an official VA State Fair site. Nominations will be taken at several sites around the state in late June. The nomination schedule will be made available through various web postings and mailings. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to properly nominate his or her cattle at one of the locations. At the time of nomination the cattle will be individually identified with an official ear tag and weighed (if available). Only cattle that have been nominated and properly identified will be eligible to show in the Market Beef competition at the State Fair of Virginia. Exhibitors may nominate as many cattle as they choose. Each exhibitor may nominate cattle at only one location.

Market heifers and market steers will be included in the Market Beef Show. Heifers and steers will be shown in separate classes. The champion steer and heifer will be selected and will then compete for the Grand Champion Market Beef animal of the show.

Market Beef Rules

1. Market steers and heifers must have been born between January 1 - August 31, 2008.
2. Market animals must have been continuously owned, separated from other animals and personally cared for by the owner (exhibitor) by March 15. There shall be no change in ownership or management after this date except that a non-owner management period of not more than 30 days may be granted upon request for circumstances beyond the exhibitor's control. Cattle that are required to go through a county fair sale and are "bought back" by the exhibitor are eligible for the State Fair show. Any other party who purchases an animal will result in a break in continuous ownership, resulting in that animal not being eligible for the State Fair show.
3. Exhibitor may enter a maximum of 3 steers and/or heifers.
4. Market animals must be handled by the junior exhibitor during the weighing and grading periods and when exhibited in the show ring. Management reserves the right to eliminate any animal from competition that is not manageable and safe for public exhibition.
5. Sale of market beef through the State Fair sale is optional. Exhibitors may take their cattle home.
6. Market animals that are sold will remain the responsibility of the exhibitor until they are loaded on the buyer's truck. Exhibitors must make arrangements for loading their animals at the prescribed time. Award money will be forfeited if this regulation is not complied with.
7. Any animal which proves to be misrepresented or falsely classed will be rejected and the right of the exhibitor to further participate in the Fair will be denied.
8. All youth beef, sheep, and swine entries are subject to on-farm inspections to verify entry information. All exhibitors must agree to accommodate such inspections.

Live Beef Show

1. Steers and heifers will be assigned to classes by weight within sex. The maximum number per class will be ten (10).
2. Cattle in the Market Beef live show will be shown clean, dry and unfitted. Cattle may be clipped, washed and brushed or combed. No artificial substances may be applied to the hair.
3. A Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Market Beef animal will be selected from the Champion Market Steer and Market Heifer divisions.
4. All exhibitors have the option of selling their animal. All animals sold will automatically enter the Carcass Show. Only those exhibitors who participate in both the Live and Carcass Shows are eligible for scholarships. Scholarship winners will not be determined until carcass results are obtained and evaluated.

Carcass Show

1. Market animals that are exhibited in the Live Show may be entered in the Contest.
2. Animals entered in the Carcass Contest will be sold to a packer by a competitive conference call. The price will be determined by the purchase price of carcass beef with allowances for carcass yield and quality grade differentials.
3. Carcasses will be together in one class. Equal premiums will be awarded for carcasses with similar characteristics. Less desirable carcass categories will be awarded lower premiums (Danish System). Carcasses will be ranked with higher quality grade and superior yield grade receiving greater merit. Carcasses named as Champion or Reserve Champion must weigh at least 600 pounds and cannot exceed 900 pounds.

To recognize those cattle that meet current industry standards for size, muscling, trimness, and quality, Virginia Cattle Feeders Association is providing a \$500 sponsorship. Exhibitors of qualifying carcasses will receive equal premiums of up to \$150. Carcass specifications are:

1. Fat thickness maximum of .50 inch.
2. Hot carcass weight 625-900 pounds.
3. Ribeye area 12.0 to 16.0 square inches.
4. Yield grade of less than 3.0.
5. Quality grade of at least Choice minus.

Market Beef Record Books

All exhibitors participating in the Market Beef Show must have up-to-date record books. The record books will be judged and the scores will be used in determining Jr. Beef Scholarship winners. Any record book approved for use by Virginia 4-H or FFA livestock members may be used. Record books are to be turned in by Sunday at 12 noon.

PREMIUMS AND SPECIAL AWARDS FOR MARKET BEEF

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| Live Show per Class: | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th | 7th | 8th | 9th | 10th |
| | \$75 | \$65 | \$55 | \$45 | \$35 | \$25 | \$20 | \$15 | \$12 | \$10 |

Carcass Show premium total equivalent to \$100 per head (See rule 3 above)

Champion and Reserve Champion in the Carcass Show: \$150 and \$100

**Overall Grand Champion – Market Beef (determined by combination of live placing & carcass results):
\$2,000*, Banner and Scholarship**

**Overall Reserve Grand Champion – Market Beef:
\$1,750*, Banner and Scholarship**

Overall 2nd Runner-up: \$1,500*

Overall 3rd Runner-up: \$1,500*

Overall 4th Runner-up: \$1,500*

****Sale of animal + State Fair contribution = cash premium amount***

State Fair Scholarship: See scholarship explanation at the end of this Competition Guide.

Beef Feeder Steers Rules

1. Each exhibitor may enter two feeder steers.
2. All steers must be owned by the exhibitor and under exhibitor's care.
3. Entries in this class should consist of steers intended for junior market steer shows in the spring, summer and fall of 2009. Steers should be born after September 1, 2008.
4. Straightbred or crossbred steers of any beef breed including dairy-beef crosses are eligible.
5. All steers must be weaned and healed from castration.
6. Classes will be made up after entries are received. Steers will be assigned to classes by weight. Numbers within each class will be as nearly equal as possible.

PREMIUMS FOR FEEDER STEERS

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|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th | 7th | 8th | 9th | 10th |
| \$45 | \$35 | \$25 | \$20 | \$15 | \$10 | \$9 | \$8 | \$7 | \$6 |

Champion and Reserve Champion Feeder Steers are awarded banners.

Youth Breeding Cattle Rules

1. Heifers must be personally managed by the owner from the time of purchase. A non-owner management period of not more than 30 days may be granted upon request for circumstances beyond the exhibitor's control.
2. Entries are limited to six (6) animals per exhibitor with a maximum of four heifers purchased by the exhibitor.
3. A section is being offered for "Other Registered Breeding Cattle" which is for registered cattle of a breed other than the breed shows listed. The cattle must be registered with a national breed registry to show in this section.
4. A minimum of 9 heifers is required to hold a breed show. If a breed does not meet the minimum requirement, those heifers will show in the section for "Other Registered Breeding Cattle."
5. All cattle must be owned and registered in the name of the exhibitor by the following dates. A letter from the national breed association stating that paper work was received in advance of these dates will fulfill these requirements.

Born

Prior to Sept. 1, 2007 (Cow/Calf class only)
 Sept. 1, 2007 to April 30, 2008
 May 1 to August 31, 2008
 Sept. 1 to December 31, 2008
 After January 1, 2009

Owned, Registered &

In Care of Exhibitor by:

May 1, 2009
 May 1, 2009
 May 1, 2009
 August 15, 2009
 August 15, 2009

6. **All Grand and Reserve Champion females (Registered and Commercial) must show to compete for supreme Champion Female awards. NEW**

BREED — SIMMENTAL

Cattle that are 3/4 or more Simmental and recorded in the American Simmental Association are eligible for competition. Bred and Owned classes will be made up by age after entries are received.

Class:

101. Junior Heifer Calves – Calved after January 1, 2009
102. Winter Heifer Calves – Calved November 1 - December 31, 2008
103. Senior Heifer Calves – Calved Sept. 1 - Oct. 31, 2008
104. Late Summer Yearling Heifers – Calved July 1 - August 31, 2008
105. Early Summer Yearling Heifers – Calved May 1 - June 30, 2008
106. Late Junior Yearling Heifers – Calved March 1 - April 30, 2008
107. Early Junior Yearling Heifers – Calved January 1 - February 28, 2008
108. Senior Yearling Heifers – Sept. 1 - December 31, 2007
109. Bred and Owned Heifers – Bred and owned by exhibitor
110. Bred and Owned Cow/Calf – Calf born after January 1, 2009. Calf must be bred and owned by exhibitor.
111. Bred and Owned Bulls – Calved after January 1, 2008

BREED— HEREFORD

EPD's as well as visually-evaluated traits will be used by the judge in placing the cattle. The amount of emphasis on EPD's will be not more than 50%, otherwise the amount of use is at the judge's discretion. Bred and Owned classes will be made up after entries are received. Make sure to put the EPD's for all Hereford cattle on the entry form.

Class:

201. Junior Heifer Calves – Calved after January 1, 2009
202. Winter Heifer Calves – Calved November 1 - December 31, 2008
203. Senior Heifer Calves – Calved Sept. 1 - Oct. 31, 2008
204. Late Summer Yearling Heifers – Calved July 1 – August 31, 2008
205. Early Summer Yearling Heifers – Calved May 1 - June 30, 2008
206. Late Junior Yearling Heifers – Calved March 1 - April 30, 2008
207. Early Junior Yearling Heifers – Calved January 1 - February 28, 2008
208. Senior Yearling Heifers – Sept. 1 - December 31, 2007
209. Bred and Owned Heifers – Bred and owned by the exhibitor
210. Bred and Owned Cow/Calf – Calf born after January 1, 2009 and must be Bred and Owned.

211. Bred and Owned Bulls – Must be born after January 1, 2008

BREED—ANGUS

Class

301. Jr. Heifer Calves – Calved March 1, 2009 and after
302. Jr. Heifer Calves – Calved between January 1 and February 28, 2009
303. Late Senior Heifer Calves – Calved between November 1 and December 31, 2008
304. Early Senior Heifer Calves – Calved between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31, 2008
305. Late Summer Yearling Heifers – Calved between July 1 and August 31, 2008
306. Early Summer Yearling Heifers – Calved between May 1 and June 30, 2008
307. April Jr. Yearling Heifers – Calved between April 1 and April 30, 2008
308. March Junior Yearling Heifers – Calved between March 1 and March 31, 2008
309. Early Junior Yearling Heifers – Calved between January 1 and February 28, 2008
310. Senior Yearling Heifers – Calved Sept. 1 - December 31, 2007

Bred-and-Owned Angus - To enter heifers in the bred-and-owned division, use the class numbers above followed by the letter "A" for Angus bred and owned cattle.

Class

- 311A. Cow/Calf – Calf born after January 1, 2009 and must be Bred-and-Owned.
- 312A. Bred and Owned Bulls – Must be born after January 1, 2008

BREED—SHORTHORN

1. There will be separate classes for Appendix-registered Shorthorn heifers. Appendix cattle have green registration papers, and are 3/8 to 7/8 blood. No classes for Appendix cow-calf, bulls, or bred-and-owned heifers will be offered.

Class

401. Spring Heifer Calves – Calved after March 1, 2009
402. Junior Heifer Calves – Calved between January 1 and February 29, 2009
403. Winter Heifer Calves – Calved between November 1 and December 31, 2008
404. Senior Heifer Calves – Calved between September 1 and October 31, 2008
405. Summer Yearling Females – Calved between July 1 and August 31, 2008
406. Late Spring Yearling Females – Calved between May 1 and June 30, 2008
407. Early Spring Yearling Females – Calved between March 1 and April 30, 2008
408. Junior Yearling Females – Calved between January 1 and February 29, 2008
409. Senior Yearling Females – Calved between September 1 and December 31, 2007
410. Bred and Owned Heifers – Bred and owned by exhibitor
411. Bred and Owned Cow/Calf – Calf born after January 1, 2009 Calf must be bred and owned by exhibitor.
412. Bred and Owned Bulls – Calved after January 1, 2008

OTHER REGISTERED BREEDING CATTLE

Class 501 on the Entry Form

1. Any registered cattle that are not eligible to show in listed breeds may show in this section.
2. A bred and owned class will also be offered for bred and owned heifers, Cow/calf pairs and bulls in this section. Bulls must have been born after January 1, 2008
3. Calves in the cow/calf class must be born after January 1, 2009 and must also be bred-and-owned.
4. Classes will be made up by age after entries are received. Heifers must have been born between Sept. 1, 2007 and March 31, 2009

COMMERCIAL – REPLACEMENT HEIFERS

Class 601 on the Entry Form

1. See Rules for Youth Beef and Special Rules for Youth Breeding Cattle.
2. Heifers less than 3/4 blood, unregistered, grade or crossbred are eligible to show.
3. Heifers must be born between September 1, 2007 and March 31, 2009. Heifers must have a known calving date and be out of an identifiable sire and dam.
4. Classes will be made up by age. No class shall contain more than 10 head nor have an age spread of more than six months. All classes will be lined up by age in the show ring.
5. Hip height and weight **may** be taken and used to determine Frame Score and Weight per Day of age. This information may be provided to the judge and spectators.

Premiums for Breeding Cattle

| Placing in the Class | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th | 7th | 8th | 9th | 10th |
| \$40 | \$35 | \$30 | \$25 | \$20 | \$15 | \$10 | \$8 | \$6 | \$5 |



Beef Promotion Award

Sponsored by Virginia Beef Industry Council
P.O. Box 9, Daleville, VA 24083-0009

Top Promoter - \$100 & Banner
1st Runner-up - \$80 & Banner
Honorable Mention - \$40 & Rosette

Presented to the youth individual exhibitor/club/chapter/county group whose pen area display is most effective in promoting beef and the beef industry. The theme of the display should be related to beef as a valuable and healthful food, contributions of beef production to society, and/or value of beef production to the economy. Youth exhibitor beef promotion exhibits will be judged by a committee appointed by the youth beef show superintendents. Exhibits will be judged by individual exhibitor/club/chapter/county group on educational content as well as neatness and general appearance.

State Fair of Virginia Scholarship Program – Beef Cattle

The Scholarship Program is open to all Virginia 4-H and FFA exhibitors in their related livestock project area.

Youth exhibitors will be eligible to participate in the State Fair Scholarship Program with one entry unless the exhibitor has both overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion. All entries/animals qualifying and designated for the Scholarship Program must be sold and slaughtered. If the animal is condemned for any reason, neither payment or scholarship will be awarded and the competitor must accept the consequences without recourse against the State Fair of Virginia.

Upon qualifying for and agreeing to participate in the Scholarship Program, the entry will become the property of the Scholarship Program and the exhibitor will be compensated for his/her entry as set forth in the Scholarship Program.

Eight total scholarships will be awarded in the Youth Beef program:

Two Scholarships:

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| Overall Grand Champion – Market Beef | \$1,500.00 Scholarship |
| Overall Reserve Grand Champion – Market Beef | \$1,250.00 Scholarship |

Six Scholarships (by age group):

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| <i>Junior</i> | 1 st | \$300.00 | 2 nd | \$200.00 | 3 rd | \$100.00 |
| <i>Intermediate</i> | 1 st | \$350.00 | 2 nd | \$250.00 | 3 rd | \$150.00 |
| <i>Senior</i> | 1 st | \$400.00 | 2 nd | \$300.00 | 3 rd | \$200.00 |

Each category will be split into three age groups:
 Juniors: 12 and younger as of Sept 30th of the current year
 Intermediates: 13-15 as of Sept. 30th of the current year
 Seniors: 16-19 as of Sept. 30th of the current year

Ranking of exhibitors will be based on the following:

30% - Highest placing in live class (in an individual class with one animal)

30% - Showmanship
30% - Stockman's Contest
10% - Record Books

**Exhibitors must participate in ALL of the above criteria to be eligible for a scholarship.*

Three Scholarships (Breeding Cattle)

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| Supreme Champion Female: | \$600.00 |
| Supreme Reserve Champion Female: | \$500.00 |
| Supreme 2 nd Runner-up Female: | \$400.00 |