

BEEF CATTLE
Department 3
Superintendent: Julie Covert 716-499-9173

Entry Deadline: July 1, 2026
Beef Cattle Entry Fees: \$4.00 per class (including group classes)
Exhibitor Fee: \$3.00 per animal maximum \$25.00 for all Departments

Arrival: Sunday, July 19, 2026. Must be in place no later than 12:00 pm. NO EXCEPTIONS
Show: 10:00 am Monday, July 20, 2026
Release: 3:00 pm Sunday, July 26, 2026

General Cattle Rules:

1. An official Registration Certificate must be shown on each animal except for Section G and Section H. **A copy of the registration papers must be included with your entry form.** These will be checked for identification, ownership and birth date. All cattle shown in group classes must be registered or will be shown in the Crossbred Division. Entries in this department will be accepted only from bona fide owners of the cattle. All cattle must be owned by the individuals or farms exhibiting same and have been owned for 30 days before the day of the show. Where a herd is registered in the names of different members of a family, residing on one farm where the herd is a unit, all entries may be considered a single exhibitor. All owners must be listed on the entry form.
2. All breeds in Section F will show together. However, in the event there is enough of a particular breed to warrant a breed show, breed classes will be created at that time. This will be at the discretion of the Cattle Superintendent. All breeds will show under the same rules, classes and premiums.
3. If there are 2 or less exhibitors in any breed or less than 4 animals in that same registered breed regardless of the number of exhibitors, that breed will show in Section F- Other Registered Breeds/AOB at the discretion of show management.
4. Youth exhibitors may enter any animal in the Open Class Department. However, when entering in the open class, the youth must pay ALL appropriate fees, this includes the exhibitors fee, entry fees, and late fees if applicable.
5. The management assumes no responsibility in case of damage of stock or other exhibits from any cause; and upon this condition only, are exhibits received.
6. Substitutions within classes of individual animals will be allowed if reported to the Superintendent by 6:00 PM, Sunday prior to show.
7. Stall assignments will be done by the Superintendent. No changes in the barn layout unless approved by the Superintendent. Late entries will be accommodated in the best way possible if there is space.
8. The Superintendent will grant permission only for late arrival or early removal of animals being shown at a competing show which conflicts with above times. A letter from the upcoming show must be faxed to the fair office prior to receiving permission to leave early. Early removal must only be done after the show is complete. Early removal will result in forfeiture of premiums, unless Superintendent has granted permission to release animals.
9. The decision of the judge shall be final in all cases, except where error, mistake, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, not discovered at the time of the award is proven. In such cases, the decision of the Superintendent, or such referee appointed shall be final.
10. No exhibitor shall receive more than two premiums in any one class.
11. All trailers MUST be parked BEHIND CAMPING AREA during the week of fair and NO trailers can line up prior to 3PM on the Sunday of release. No exceptions. There will be absolutely NO trailers on the track infield.
12. Early Livestock removal must be approved by a vet and department Superintendent. Early Removal cases must be reported to the state vet prior to animal leaving the fairgrounds. Premiums will be forfeited and entry fees will not be refunded. The Superintendent will have a Form to complete with the exhibitor.

Section A- Aberdeen Angus
Section B- Hereford
Section C- Maine Anjou
Section D-Shorthorn and Shorthorn Plus

Section E- Simmental
Section F-Other Registered Beef
Breeds/AOB
Section G-Crossbred
Section H- Market Steers
Section X- Market Heifers

Class Numbers:

1. **Junior Feeder Class** – Born on or after 1/1/2026 must be over 4 months of age
2. **Junior Heifer Calves**- Born after 1/1/26 and must be over four months of age.
3. **Senior Heifer Calves**- Born between 9/1/25 and 12/31/25
4. **Champion Heifer Calf**
5. **Reserve Champion Heifer Calf**
6. **Late Summer Yearling Heifer**- Born between 7/1/25 and 8/31/25
7. **Summer Yearling Heifer**- Born between 5/1/25 and 6/30/25
8. **Spring Yearling Heifer**- Born between 3/1/25 and 4/30/25
9. **Junior Yearling Heifer**- Born between 1/1/25 ad 2/28/25
10. **Senior Yearling Heifer**- Born between 9/1/24 and 12/31/24
11. **Champion Yearling Heifer ***
12. **Reserve Champion Yearling Heifer ***
13. **Grand Champion Female ***
14. **Reserve Grand Champion Female ***
15. **Cow and Calf**- Calf born in 2025
16. **Champion Cow and Calf ***
17. **Reserve Champion Cow and Calf ***
18. **Supreme Champion Female *** (Champion and Reserve Champion from each breed including cow and calf will be asked to come back into the ring to compete)
19. **Reserve Champion Supreme Female***
20. **Breeder's Special**- 2 head, any age, either sex, shown in classes 1-13, bred and owned or co-owned by Exhibitor. **No Steers in Breeders Special.**
21. **Produce of Dam**- 2 head, any age, either sex, progeny of one dam.
22. **Chautauqua County Born and Raised Female**

All Breeds MUST Have a Minimum of 6 Head to Have a Breed Show Otherwise They Will Show in AOB Division.
All AOB Breeds Will Show Together, Unless There are Enough of a Particular Breed to Warrant a Breed Show.
Animals Must Be Registered With Their National Breed Association With the exception of Crossbreds, Steers and Market Heifers. Any animal Not having a legible tattoo is ineligible to compete in breed classes.

Premiums for classes 1-27:

1st- \$20.00 2nd -\$14.00 3rd -12.00 4th – \$8.00 5th – \$4.00 6th –\$2.00

Section H- Market Animal -Shown by weight

1. **Market Steer**- Enter all Market Steers as 3-H-1
2. **Chautauqua County Born and Raised Market Steer** – Enter all as 3-H-2

Section X- Market Heifer -Shown by weight

1. **Market Heifer**- Enter all Market Heifers as **3-X-1**

*Market Heifers may also show in breed classes.

*All Market Classes will be determined by weights taken on Sunday.

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*All Market Class Livestock must have been born in previous year.

Division Champion and Reserve Champion- Market steers & Market Heifers will compete.

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Animal.

The Premiums for Market Classes listed above:

1 st - \$15.00	2 nd -\$12.00	3 rd -9.00	4 th -\$8.00	5 th -\$6.00
6 th -\$5.00				

Herdsmen Awards:

1 st -\$10.00	2 nd -\$5.00	3 rd -\$3.00
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Department 3 – Beef Cattle

All entries must be postmarked or hand delivered by July 1st.

The Chautauqua County Fair reserves the right to refuse any entries due to lack of facilities. Preference will be given to residents and/or members of Chautauqua County Clubs.

Exhibitor Name _____

Street Address _____

Zip Code _____ City _____ State _____

Phone Number _____

D.O.B. _____

E-Mail Address _____

Farm Name _____

Cell # _____

QTY	Total Entry Fees Fees must accompany this form	Price	Total
	Exhibitor Fee, Per Animal (Max \$25.00)	\$3.00	
	Entry Fee (Per Class)	\$4.00	
	Late Entry Fee Per Animal	\$15.00	
	Total Fees		

Important Notice and Required Signature:

I hereby certify that the animals listed are entered for exhibition in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Chautauqua County Fair contained within the Chautauqua County Fair Exhibitor's Guide and the IAFE CODE OF ETHICS. I agree to abide by all the Rules and Regulations of the Chautauqua County Fair. Each exhibitor is responsible for damage or personal injury caused by his/her animal.

4-H _____

Open Only _____

Exhibitor Signature

Guardian Signature (if exhibitor is under 18)

Total # of pens needed: _____

Pen/Tie with: _____

Total of species entered: _____

Section	Class	Breed	Name	RFID/Scrapies	DOB	Sex	Dam	Sire