

DEPARTMENT 9 - BEEF

Senior Fair Board: *Bryan Sheets, *Jim Worley
*denotes chairperson

Junior Fair Board: *Chairperson: Gus Wilt
*Co-Chairperson: Nic Lindsey



Sale means "I want to enter my animal into the auction."

Truck means "I have an extra animal that I need to get rid of because my project is over."

Home means "I want to take my animal home because I want to compete elsewhere or I plan on using for a breeding animal."

Feeders, Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, in addition to all previously tested Champions and Reserve Champions, will be drug tested at the 2026 Fayette County Fair.

RULES

- **Each animal is to be drug free at the fair when they cross the scale.**
- All Junior Fair Cattle must be in place by 7 AM, July 20.
- All cattle must be halter broken and easily handled in order to show in the Junior Fair.
- All cattle may be tied out after 7 PM in the proper area; they must have both a rope halter and neck rope when tied out. No loose cattle in the tie-out area. All cattle must be removed from tie out area by 9 AM. Immediately following tie out stalls must be cleaned and prepared for the next day. There is to be no stacked straw inside tie out area.
- A beef exhibitor's meeting will be held on Monday, July 20 @ 7:30 AM in the Sales Arena. Attendance is mandatory.
- Pen and Tie Out Space will be assigned by the department directors.
- Only 1 grooming chute per exhibitor in the barn. Grooming Chute in the barn must have fair permit sticker attached or will be removed to the outside of the barn.

Division A - Breeding Beef

July 20 @ Sales Arena, see Jr. Fair Schedule

- Monday, July 20 at 3:00 PM, Beef Breeding Show and Showmanship @ Sales Arena, followed by Market Beef and Beef Feeder Showmanship
- All animals must be purebred and recorded with their association to show in a breed, and must be registered in the exhibitor's name. Commercial heifers may be purebred (not registered) or crossbred beef animals.
- All purebred and commercial breeds will be recognized. Classes will be divided by committee based on participation. Registration required day of show if asked.

Classes:

- B1. Heifer Calf - Calved between Sept. 1, 2025 & April 30, 2026
- B2. Yearling Heifer - Calved between Sept. 1, 2024 & Aug. 31, 2025
- B3. 2-Year-Old Heifer - Calved between May 1, 2024 & Aug. 31, 2026

Division B - Market Beef

July 21 @ Sales Arena, see Jr. Fair Schedule

- Judging will be held on Tuesday, July 21 in the Sales Arena. Market Dairy Beef will also show on Tuesday, July 21 following the Dairy Feeder Show.
- All Market Beef must be owned by December 6, 2025.
- Exhibitors may tag up to 5 Market Beef animals at the December 6 weigh-in.
- Market Heifers may be tagged and will be shown in Market Beef classes at the Fair with the steers.
- All Market beef are recommended to be 425 - 850 pounds at weigh-in on December 6, 2025.
- Market Beef are to be in place by 7 AM, July 20 and will be assigned to the proper weight classes following the weigh-in on Monday, July 20 at 8 AM. Animals are not to be "shrunk" for this weigh-in.
- All market beef must weigh at least 1000 pounds to show in the Junior Fair Market Beef contest. Market Dairy Beef must weigh at least 1000 pounds to show and sell.
- All breeds will show together, with the exception of Market Dairy Beef. Market Dairy Beef may be purebred or crosses of only dairy breeds. Beef/Dairy crosses will show in the beef show. There will be a maximum of 10 Market Beef in each class.
- Exhibitors may show a maximum of 2 market beef in the regular Junior Fair Market Beef Show.
- All Market Beef will be entered in the Rate of Gain Contest.

- All Market Beef must be dehorned, castrated, and healed by weigh-in on December 6, 2025.

Classes:

- B5. Market Beef
- B6. Fayette County Born and Raised Steer
- B7. Market Dairy Beef
- B8. Rate of Gain

Division C - Beef Showmanship

July 20 @ Sales Arena, see Jr. Fair Schedule

- Beef Showmanship is mandatory for all market beef exhibitors. Exceptions will only be made in extreme cases. Any previous senior winner has option to participate.
- Anyone not participating will forfeit his or her right to sell in the steer sale.
- Judging will be held on Monday, July 20.

Classes:

- B9. Senior Showmanship, grades 10-12
- B10. Intermediate Showmanship, grades 7-9
- B11. Junior Showmanship, grades 4-6
- B12. Beginner, grade 3 only

Overall Beef Showman- Champion Market Steer Showman, Champion Feeder Showman, and Breeding Showman compete for Overall Beef Showman and must go to Showman of Showmen.

*There will be an Overall Beef Showman and an Overall Dairy Beef Showman.