

2025 State Fair of Virginia Junior Beef Cattle Show

Nominations Due July 1st by 5:00 pm
Entries Due August 22nd by 5:00 pm

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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. See General Livestock Rules for information pertaining to health regulations. The National Show Ring Code of Ethics shall govern the State Fair of Virginia as found in the General Livestock Rules. The State Fair of Virginia reserves the right to test any entry for violative drug residues as described in the National Show Ring Code of Ethics. **All market animals exhibited must be eligible to immediately enter the food chain.**
2. Participants must enter the FairEntry System through the Youth Livestock Web Site at <https://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/youth-livestock/shows/state-fair.html> under “Exhibitor Entry Information” or use the direct FairEntry link <http://sfva-youth-livestock.fairentry.com/>. The entry system will open on **Monday, July 21st**. Entries must be made online no later than Friday, August 22nd by 5:00 pm. Please print a copy of your APPROVED Invoice, and mail with entry fee payment by Monday, August 25th at 5:00 pm. All entries must be postmarked by Monday, August 25th.
 1. The State Fair of Virginia Junior Beef Show is open to all Virginia 4-H and Virginia FFA youth which are in good standing with their respective organizations and meet the entry requirements of each species division. Exhibitors must be at least 9 years of age by September 30, 2025 (exception for 8 & under sheep/goat costume class) and must not have had their 19th birthday before January 1, 2025. Exhibitor eligibility and entries will be verified using the 4HOnline enrollment system for 4-H youth and the State FFA Office Member Roster for FFA youth.
 2. All youth exhibiting beef cattle, meat goats, sheep, and swine **must be** YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) certified before August 31st, 2025. For more information about YQCA or to be YQCA certified please visit the YQCA section of the Virginia Youth Livestock Website <https://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/youth-livestock/yqca.html> Available trainings can be located at this link under the “Training Schedule” Tab.
 3. Each beef entry must be owned and entered in the exhibitor’s name. Ownership of Registered Breeding Cattle may be joint with an immediate family member (parent, step-parent, or sibling), provided the Exhibitor’s Name is present on the certificate. No Farm Names, even the family farm, are allowed. For cattle with joint ownership, entries may only be made in the name of one exhibitor and may not be changed once entries are submitted and approved.
 4. Cattle, which have participated in any sale or premium auction associated with another fair or livestock show after completing the State Fair of Virginia online nomination process (date of online nomination submission will be used), are ineligible for exhibition. This rule applies even if there was not a change in ownership (i.e. cattle are ineligible even if they are “bought back” or “no-saled”).

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5. Exhibitors must show their own entries unless the exhibitor has more than one animal in the same class, or permission is given by the show superintendent. Substitute show persons must be eligible 4-H or FFA member with 2025 SFVA Youth Livestock entries on-site and checked-in for any species.
6. All youth beef, sheep, goat and swine entries are subject to on-farm inspections to verify entry information. All exhibitors agree to accommodate such inspections.
7. All cattle must remain in the designated stalling area upon arrival until released from the State Fair. Except during designated tie-out times, cattle are not allowed to be taken to tie-out areas, trailers, or other areas away from the cattle barns at any time.
ALL CATTLE MUST BE OFF OF TIE OUTS AND IN THE BARN BY 8:30 AM EACH DAY.
8. No butt fans will be allowed in the barn or near entrance ways. Please remember all fans must be suspended above the stalls in the barns. This is a safety issue due to the large number of spectators and pedestrian traffic in the barns.
9. **Exhibitors requiring or wishing to use additional power IN THE BARNS from self-provided generators will be stalled on the outside tie rows of the beef barn – NO EXCEPTIONS. Fire Code and risk management policies do not allow cords to be run across aisleways or travel lanes inside the barn.**
10. Cattle should be handled by the junior exhibitor during the weighing and check-in periods and when exhibited in the show ring. Show superintendents reserve the right to eliminate any animal from competition that is not manageable and safe for public exhibitions.
11. Exhibitors are expected to care for their animals in an acceptable manner and adhere to quality assurance guidelines.

FITTING

1. The State Fair of Virginia reserves the right to disqualify any animal that has been fitted in an unethical manner. The following fitting practices/products are prohibited regardless of breed or division:
 - a. Use of paints, paint products and colored adhesives or other color altering products
 - b. The addition of any hair or hairlike substances, including false tail heads and false polls
 - c. The cutting, tearing or gluing of the hide or underneath the hide or removal of tissue in an attempt to alter the shape of the animal
 - d. The injection of any gas, solid or liquid under the hide to alter the normal conformation
2. Any product/solutions/liquids administered internally or externally to alter the conformation of the animal is prohibited. This includes the use of steroids, illegal or unapproved growth promotants, and the act of artificially filling animals internally, which would include stomach pumping, drench tubes, or any other method
3. EXCEPTIONS: In the case of severely sick or severely dehydrated animals, the exhibitor may have fluids or electrolytes administered by the licensed official show veterinarian with the approval of the show superintendent. This exception is not applicable on show day or weigh-in/check-in day.
4. Aerosol cans used for grooming but are not permitted in show ring or make-up areas

SHOWMANSHIP

1. Only exhibitors entered with beef cattle entries checked in and present at the show are eligible for Junior Beef Cattle Division showmanship classes. Exhibitors **MUST** show an animal in Showmanship that is entered in their name and checked in for the State Fair of Virginia Junior Beef Show.
2. Showmanship competition for market beef, feeder prospect cattle, crossbred heifers and registered breeding heifer exhibitors will be combined. There will not be separate showmanship divisions for the various cattle divisions.

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3. Showmanship classes will be divided by age as follows:
 - a. 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, 2025
 - b. Junior Division- exhibitors 12 years of age and younger on September 30, 2025
 - c. Intermediate Division- exhibitors 13 to 15 years of age on September 30, 2025
 - d. Senior Division- exhibitors 16 years of age to 19 on September 30, 2025 – no exhibitor may have reached their 19th birthday prior to January 1, 2025.
4. Classes/heats may be created at the discretion of the show management.
5. **Exhibitors must show their own animal in showmanship.** The animal must be entered in the junior beef show. Exhibitor's cattle that are eliminated from the show due to weight requirements may be used in showmanship.
6. Participation in showmanship is required to be eligible to receive Scholarships through the Beef Premier Exhibitor Program.
7. All exhibitors entering cattle in the Youth Beef Show may participate in Showmanship. All exhibitors with entries in the Junior Beef Show will automatically be entered in the appropriate showmanship division based on birth date – you will not see a Showmanship Division in the entry system – all exhibitors will automatically be entered. Scratches must be made by the designated time announced prior to the show.
8. **Showmanship animals must be shown clean, dry, and unfitted (no glues or adhesives allowed).**

Premiums for Placings in the Showmanship Division Finals									
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
\$75	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$15	\$14	\$13	\$12	\$11

Market Beef Show

To be eligible for exhibition, all Market Beef entries must have been nominated using the **OFFICIAL STATE FAIR OF VA ONLINE NOMINATION PROCESS, INCLUDING DNA SUBMISSION**. It is the **responsibility of the exhibitor to properly nominate his or her cattle NO LATER THAN JULY 1st, 2025**. At the time of nomination all market cattle must be individually identified with an official USDA-compliant "840" EID ear tag. Commercial/crossbred breeding heifers must also have an official "840" EID ear tag and complete the online nomination process with DNA submission. Only cattle that have been nominated and properly identified will be eligible to show in the Market Beef or Commercial/Crossbred Heifer competitions at the State Fair of Virginia. Exhibitors may nominate as many cattle as they choose. Each animal may be nominated in the name of ONE exhibitor only.

*****NOMINATION = OWNERSHIP. Once an animal has been nominated it may not be shown in/under the name of any other exhibitor between the date of nomination submission and the conclusion of the State Fair of Virginia Youth Livestock Shows. The ONLY EXCEPTION is that a Cloverbud/Pee Wee youth may use that animal in a SHOWMANSHIP CLASS at another event, if that event's rules allow such. However, any change in the owner/exhibitor name in any other circumstance will constitute a change in ownership and that animal will no longer be eligible to be shown at the State Fair of VA Youth Livestock Shows.**

DNA Envelopes and RFID/EID Tags (if needed) must be ordered using this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/2025-SFVA-DNA-ENVELOPE-ORDER>

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Deadline for completion of the Online Nomination Process and Postmark Date for return of DNA Samples is July 1st, 2025.

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Market Beef Rules

1. Market steers and heifers must have been born between January 1 - August 31, 2024, and **must weigh at least 1000 pounds at check-in.** Any steer or heifer nominated for the Market Beef Show that does not meet the 1000-pound minimum weight will be moved to the appropriate prospect division and class.
2. Market steers and heifers must be owned and cared for by the exhibitor on or before the date of online nomination submission and continuously thereafter. **Nomination constitutes ownership.** Cattle which have participated in any sale or premium auction associated with another fair or livestock show after the State Fair of Virginia nomination submission (date of online submission will be used for verification) are ineligible for exhibition at the State Fair of Virginia. This rule applies even if there was not a change in ownership (i.e. market steers are ineligible even if they are “bought back” or “no-saled”).
3. Exhibitors may enter a maximum of 3 market beef (market steers and/or market heifers).
4. Market heifers and market steers will be included in the Market Beef Show. Registered or Crossbred Market Steers and Heifers of any breed are eligible. Each division (Market Steer and Market Heifer) must have a minimum of 10 head entered to have their own show. If the 10 head minimum is not met, both steers and heifers will show together with classes broken on weight. The champion steer and heifer will be selected, provided there are separate divisions, and will then compete for the Grand Champion Market Beef Animal of the Show.
5. Registered Market Beef Divisions will be added to the SFVA Market Beef Show.
 - A breed must have a minimum of five head entered to constitute a stand-alone breed show in the Market Beef Division.
 - Breeds not meeting the five-head requirement will be shown together in either the British-Influence Division (cattle of British-breed descent including Angus, Hereford, purebred Shorthorns) or the Continental-Influence Division (cattle of Continental-breed descent including Charolais, Chianina, Maine-Anjou, Simmental).
 - Shorthorn-plus cattle will be shown in the Continental-Influence division unless the registration paper clearly indicates British-Influence on both the sire and dam side of the pedigree.
 - Registered market beef (steers and heifers) must be registered in the name of the exhibitor and under the sole care of the exhibitor no later than August 1, 2025. Date of Issue by the respective breed association will be the date used for verification, NOT date of sale, and the Registration Paper must be uploaded during the entry process, presented for verification during fair check-in, and the tattoo verified, as well.
 - Registration requirements for Registered Market Beef will follow the same qualifications as for Breeding Heifers regarding breed percentage. See Breeding Heifer rules for specifics.
6. Market steers and heifers will be assigned to classes by weight, within their respective breed divisions, at the discretion of the show superintendents.
7. Heifers exhibited in the market beef division may not be shown in the breeding heifer division. Breeding heifers may not be shown in the market beef division.
8. The market beef show will be terminal for the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef. Both of these market animals must participate in the carcass contest. Exhibitors of these cattle qualify for the Scholarship Program (see Scholarship documents for specific policies, regulations, and details). The show is also terminal for Class Winners participating in the Scholarship Program. Participation in the scholarship program for class winners is optional.
9. Fitting of market beef is allowed, but it must be done in an ethical manner following the guidelines set forth in the fitting section above.
10. All exhibitors have the option of selling their animal. All animals sold will automatically enter the Carcass Show. Market animals that are sold will remain the responsibility of the exhibitor until they are loaded on the buyer's truck near the conclusion of the breeding heifer show on Sunday afternoon. Exhibitors must load their own animals or make arrangements for loading their animals at the prescribed time. Award money will be forfeited if you are not in compliance with this regulation.

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Premiums for Placings in the Live Market Beef Division									
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
\$75	\$65	\$55	\$45	\$35	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$12	\$10
Live Show Grand Champion – Market Beef							\$250, banner, scholarship		
Live Show Reserve Grand Champion – Market Beef							\$150, banner, scholarship		

Carcass Show

1. Market animals that are exhibited in the Live Show may be entered in the Carcass Contest.
2. Animals entered in the Carcass Contest will be sold to a packer on a carcass grid. Exhibitors will be informed of the base carcass price will be determined by the purchase price at weigh-in. Final purchase price of each carcass will include adjustments for carcass yield and quality grades.
3. Carcasses will be ranked 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).
4. Carcasses will be ranked based on the Beef Empire Days Carcass Index System with the modification for greater point deductions for 12th rib backfat over 0.80 inches. Details about the Beef Empire Days Carcass Index System are located at: <http://beefempiredays.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Carcass-Index.pdf>.

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:

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

Premiums for Placings in the Carcass & Overall Market Beef Division

Carcass Show Grand Champion – Market Beef	\$250
Carcass Show Reserve Grand Champion – Market Beef	\$150
Carcass Show premium total equivalent to \$50 per head	

The following premiums and awards for Overall Market Beef will be determined using a combination of live placing and carcass results

Overall Grand Champion – Market Beef	\$500, banner, scholarship
Overall Reserve Grand Champion – Market Beef	\$400, banner scholarship
Overall 2nd Runner-up – Market Beef	\$250
Overall 3rd Runner-up – Market Beef	\$200
Overall 4th Runner-up – Market Beef	\$150

Prospect Division Rules

Prospect steers and prospect heifers (either breeding heifers or market heifers) will be included in the Prospect Cattle Division. Heifers and steers will be shown in separate classes. The champion steer and heifer will be selected separately.

1. Classes:
 - a. **Prospect Steers** – This class is open to prospect market steers intended for junior market steer shows in the spring, summer and fall of 2026. Steers should be born after September 1, 2024.
 - b. **Prospect Heifers** – This class is open to both prospect breeding heifers and prospect market (feeder) heifers intended to be shown in junior shows in the spring, summer and fall of 2026. Heifers should be born after January 1, 2025 and by April 30, 2025. Both breeding and market heifers will be shown together.

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2. **Cattle in the Prospect Division must weigh less than 1000 pounds.** Cattle entered as prospects, and weighing more than 1000 pounds are not eligible for the Market Beef or Commercial/Crossbred Heifer Divisions unless they completed the Official Online Nomination Process and DNA submission prior to July 1st, 2025. If not previously nominated, and weighing 1000 pounds or more, they are ineligible to show in the Prospect or Market Beef Divisions.
3. Each exhibitor may enter a maximum of two prospect steers and/or heifers (two total steers and heifers- two steers, two heifers, or one of each maximum).
4. All cattle must be owned by the exhibitor and under exhibitor's care prior to and during the Fair.
5. Purebred or crossbred cattle of any beef breed are eligible.
6. All steers must be weaned and healed from castration.
7. Cattle will be assigned to classes by weight assessed at check-in. Numbers within each class will be as nearly equal as possible.
8. Fitting of prospect cattle is allowed, but it must be done in an ethical manner following the guidelines set forth in the fitting rules.

PREMIUMS FOR PROSPECT STEERS/HEIFERS

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

Youth Breeding Cattle Rules

1. Heifers must be personally managed by the owner/exhibitor from the time of purchase. All registered youth breeding cattle must be owned by and registered in the name of or transferred to the exhibitor by JULY 1, 2025.
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 "All Other Breeds" which is for registered cattle of a breed other than the breed shows listed below. The cattle must be registered with a national breed registry to show in this section AND must meet the minimum percentage requirements listed with each breed in the class lists below (i.e. heifers must meet the requirements to show in their respective breed's national junior show). Heifers not meeting the minimum percentage requirements will show as commercial/crossbred heifers and MUST complete the nomination process.
4. A minimum of 10 heifers entered is required to hold a breed show. If a breed does not meet the minimum requirement, those heifers will show in the section for "All Other Breeds."
5. **All cattle must be owned and registered in the name of the exhibitor by JULY 1, 2025.** A letter or official pending paper work from the national breed association stating that paper work was received in advance of these dates will fulfill these requirements. A copy of each Registration Certificate must be uploaded during the entry process. The system will accept a variety of digital media forms.
6. Each beef entry must be owned and entered in the exhibitor's name. Ownership of Registered Breeding Cattle may be joint with an immediate family member (parent, step-parent, or sibling), provided the Exhibitor's Name is present on the certificate. No Farm Names, even the family farm, are allowed. For cattle with joint ownership, entries may only be made in the name of one exhibitor and may not be changed once entries are submitted and approved.
7. Registered Breeding Cattle with registration certificates/papers that have been previously shown and stamped by the respective breed association or bear the stamp of the Virginia Youth Livestock Program may present ONLY the registration papers at check-in and do not have to have tattoos verified. The Show Administration, however, reserves the right to spot-check any tattoos to verify animal identity. Printed copies of registration papers must be available at check-in. Electronic papers on mobile devices or computers will be accepted provided they clearly show the ownership dates and/or date of transfer by the respective breed association. Exhibitors will be required to upload a copy of each Registration Certificate during the entry process.

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8. All calves entered in the Cow/Calf classes must be born after March 1, 2025 and **must be** registered in the exhibitor's name by **JULY 1, 2025**, in order to be eligible to show in this class. The date used will be the process date by the respective breed association, not the date of sale. Registration information will be required at entry. Only calves born on or before April 30, 2025 will be eligible to show in their appropriate individual age class of their respective breed.
9. Fitting of breeding heifers is allowed. Fitting must be done in an ethical manner following the guidelines set forth in the fitting rules above.
10. Heifers exhibited in the breeding division may not be shown in the market beef division.
11. An Owned and Bred & Owned division will be offered for all registered breeds. A minimum of 10 entries is required for a separate division. If either the Owned or Bred & Owned division of any given breed does not reach the 10-entry minimum, then all entries within that breed will be shown together in classes broken by birth date. Designation of Owned or Bred & Owned must be made at the time entries are submitted.
 - a. To qualify as a Bred and Owned entry, the exhibitor of that animal must be the breeder and the first and continuous owner of the animal entered. "Breeder" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time of service. "First Owner" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time the calf is born. "Continuous Owner" is defined as the recorded owner of the animal without history of transfer.
12. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion breed selections within each breed will be made from the first and second place Cow/Calf pairs, as well as all division and reserve division winners. Breeds with both an owned and bred & owned show (see rule 10 above) will not select an overall breed champion but will be represented by both the Champion Owned and Champion Bred and Owned winners from that breed.
13. **All Grand and Reserve Champion females (Registered and Commercial/Crossbred) must show to compete for Supreme Champion Female awards. A Supreme Champion Heifer, Reserve Supreme, and Third, Fourth, and Fifth Overall will be selected. The Supreme, Reserve, and Third Overall are eligible for scholarships as described below.**

BREED— ANGUS

Class

101. Cow/Calf – Calf born after March 1, 2025. Calf must be Bred and Owned by exhibitor **AND** registered in the exhibitor's name by JULY 1, 2025.
102. Calved March 1 - April 30, 2025
103. Calved January 1 – February 28, 2025
104. Calved November 1 – December 31, 2024
105. Calved September 1 – October 31, 2024
106. Calved July 1 – August 31, 2024
107. Calved May 1 – June 30, 2024
108. Calved March 1 – April 30, 2024
109. Calved January 1 – February 28, 2024
110. Calved November 1 – December 31, 2023
111. Calved September 1 – October 31, 2023

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BREED—HEREFORD

Class:

- 201. Cow/Calf – Calf born after March 1, 2025. Calf must be Bred and Owned by exhibitor **AND** registered in the exhibitor's name by JULY 1, 2025.
- 202. Calved March 1 - April 30, 2025
- 203. Calved January 1 – February 28, 2025
- 204. Calved November 1 – December 31, 2024
- 205. Calved September 1 – October 31, 2024
- 206. Calved July 1 – August 31, 2024
- 207. Calved May 1 – June 30, 2024
- 208. Calved March 1 – April 30, 2024
- 209. Calved January 1 – February 28, 2024
- 210. Calved November 1 – December 31, 2023
- 211. Calved September 1 – October 31, 2023

BREED—SHORTHORN/SHORTHORN PLUS

ShorthornPlus heifers will be shown separately from the purebred Shorthorn heifers using the class breaks below. Minimum breed show rules apply to both Shorthorn and ShorthornPlus heifers. Purebred/Fullblood Shorthorn entries must show a minimum blood concentration of 15/16 or 93.75%. ShorthornPlus cattle have green registration papers and must show no less than ¼ and up to 7/8 blood concentration on the registration paper. Cattle not meeting the minimum percentage requirements must be nominated using the Official Online Nomination Process, including DNA Submission, prior to July 1st, 2025 and shown as commercial/crossbred heifers.

Class

- 401. Cow/Calf – Calf born after March 1, 2025. Calf must be Bred and Owned by exhibitor **AND** registered in the exhibitor's name by JULY 1, 2025.
- 402. Calved March 1 - April 30, 2025
- 403. Calved January 1 – February 28, 2025
- 404. Calved November 1 – December 31, 2024
- 405. Calved September 1 – October 31, 2024
- 406. Calved July 1 – August 31, 2024
- 407. Calved May 1 – June 30, 2024
- 408. Calved March 1 – April 30, 2024
- 409. Calved January 1 – February 28, 2024
- 410. Calved November 1 – December 31, 2023
- 411. Calved September 1 – October 31, 2023

BREED — SIMMENTAL

Cattle that are a Purebred (7/8 or greater) Simmental and recorded by the American Simmental Association are eligible for competition.

Class:

- 501. Cow/Calf – Calf born after March 1, 2025. Calf must be Bred and Owned by exhibitor **AND** registered in the exhibitor's name by JULY 1, 2025.
- 502. Calved March 1 - April 30, 2025
- 503. Calved January 1 – February 28, 2025
- 504. Calved November 1 – December 31, 2024
- 505. Calved September 1 – October 31, 2024
- 506. Calved July 1 – August 31, 2024
- 507. Calved May 1 – June 30, 2024
- 508. Calved March 1 – April 30, 2024
- 509. Calved January 1 – February 28, 2024
- 510. Calved November 1 – December 31, 2023
- 511. Calved September 1 – October 31, 2023

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BREED — PERCENTAGE SIMMENTAL

Cattle that are ½ - ¾ Simmental and recorded by the American Simmental Association are eligible for competition. Cattle not meeting the minimum percentage requirements must be nominated using the Official Online Nomination Process, including DNA Submission, prior to July 1, 2025 and shown as commercial/crossbred heifers

Class:

- 601. Cow/Calf – Calf born after March 1, 2025. Calf must be Bred and Owned by exhibitor **AND** registered in the exhibitor's name by JULY 1, 2025.
- 602. Calved March 1 - April 30, 2025
- 603. Calved January 1 – February 28, 2025
- 604. Calved November 1 – December 31, 2024
- 605. Calved September 1 – October 31, 2024
- 606. Calved July 1 – August 31, 2024
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ALL OTHER BREED REGISTERED BREEDING CATTLE

Any registered cattle for which a breed show is not listed above may show in this section. The cattle in this division must be registered with a national breed registry to show in this section AND not be listed in the breed selections above. Heifers must meet the requirements to show in their respective breed's national junior show. Cattle not meeting these minimum requirements must be nominated using the Official Online Nomination Process, including DNA Submission, prior to July 1, 2025 and shown as commercial/crossbred heifers

Class:

- 701. Cow/Calf – Calf born after March 1, 2025. Calf must be Bred and Owned by exhibitor **AND** registered in the exhibitor's name **by JULY 1, 2025.**
- 702. Calved March 1 - April 30, 2025
- 703. Calved January 1 – February 28, 2025
- 704. Calved November 1 – December 31, 2024
- 705. Calved September 1 – October 31, 2024
- 706. Calved July 1 – August 31, 2024
- 707. Calved May 1 – June 30, 2024
- 708. Calved March 1 – April 30, 2024
- 709. Calved January 1 – February 28, 2024
- 710. Calved November 1 – December 31, 2023
- 711. Calved September 1 – October 31, 2023

COMMERCIAL/CROSSBRED – REPLACEMENT HEIFERS

Class 801

1. **To be eligible for exhibition, all Commercial/Crossbred Heifer entries must have been nominated and tagged using the OFFICIAL STATE FAIR OF VA ONLINE NOMINATION PROCESS, INCLUDING DNA SUBMISSION.** It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to properly nominate his or her cattle NO LATER THAN July 1, 2025. At the time of nomination all Commercial/Crossbred heifers must be individually identified with an official, USDA-compliant "840" EID ear tag. Only cattle that have been nominated and properly identified will be eligible to show in the Commercial/Crossbred Heifer competition at the State Fair of Virginia. Exhibitors may nominate as many cattle as they choose. Each animal may be nominated in the name of ONE exhibitor only.

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2. Only heifers born September 1, 2023 to April 30, 2025 that have been nominated using the online nomination portal and had DNA submitted will be eligible for competition at the State Fair of Virginia. Nominations must be submitted using the online nomination process and DNA submitted by July 1st, 2025.
3. Heifers not meeting individual breed requirement for percentage minimums, are unregistered, or are crossbred are eligible to show in this division, but must complete the Nomination process, including DNA submission by July 1st, 2025.
4. Classes will be broken according to check-in weight. Numbers within each class will be as equal as possible given the submitted weights. Class weight breaks will be made at the discretion of show officials. All classes will be lined up by weight in the show ring. Class winners will compete for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Commercial/Crossbred Heifer honors. The Grand and Reserve Champion Commercial/Crossbred Heifers will compete for selection of Top Five Overall Heifers at the conclusion of the Registered Breeding Heifer Show.
5. Fitting of crossbred replacement heifers is allowed, but it must be done in an ethical manner following the guidelines set forth in the general livestock rules.

Premiums for Breeding Cattle									
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
\$40	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$5

2025 State Fair of Virginia Junior Beef Cattle Show

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM- BEEF

All market beef entries/animals qualifying and designated for the Scholarship Program must be sold and slaughtered. If the animal is condemned for any reason, neither payment nor 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.

Live Show Grand Champion – Market Beef	\$700.00 Scholarship
Live Show Reserve Grand Champion – Market Beef	\$500.00 Scholarship
Live Show Class Winners – Market Beef	\$300.00 Scholarship (Limited to a max of 5)

The overall awards are determined using a combination of live placing and carcass results

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

Breeding Cattle:

Supreme Champion Female	\$600.00 Scholarship
Supreme Reserve Champion Female	\$500.00 Scholarship
Supreme 2 nd Runner-Up Female	\$400.00 Scholarship

Premier Exhibitor Scholarships: 9 Scholarships (by age group)

Junior	1st	\$300.00	2nd	\$200.00	3rd	\$100.00
Intermediate	1st	\$350.00	2nd	\$250.00	3rd	\$150.00
Senior	1st	\$400.00	2nd	\$300.00	3rd	\$200.00

Qualifying entries for the market beef scholarships must participate in the carcass contest (terminal). Scholarships are cumulative for the same animal. Exhibitors may receive multiple market beef scholarships, which may include any combination of the Grand, Division and Class Winner awards detailed above.