

DEPARTMENT B – Beef

Beef Committee Members-

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MONDAY, JULY 27, 2026

4-H & FFA Showmanship – 10am

4-H & FFA Feeder Calf Show – 1pm Rolling Schedule

Open & Junior Breeding Cattle Show

THURSDAY, July 30, 2026

4-H & FFA Market Heifer Show – 6pm Steers to follow.

1. 2026 WVDA Health Requirements for Cattle

Any animal showing signs of a potential infectious or contagious disease will not be allowed to participate in the event.

- **Tuberculosis in Cattle**

Cattle to be exhibited at West Virginia fairs, festivals and shows must meet one of the requirements:

From West Virginia: No test required if herd is not under quarantine for tuberculosis.

From Other States:

(1) From Bovine Tuberculosis Free State – No test required. Interstate CVI is required.

(2) From other than Bovine Tuberculosis Free State:

(a) If originating from an accredited TB free herd – no test is required, or

(b) If herd of origin has had a complete negative herd test within 12 months – no test required, or

(c) All other bovines require a negative TV test within 60 days of show

(d) Nursing calves may be shown on dam's negative CVL

- **Brucellosis in Cattle**

Cattle to be exhibited at West Virginia fairs, festivals and shows must meet one of the following requirements:

From West Virginia: No test required if herd is not under quarantine for brucellosis.

From Other States:

(1) From Brucellosis Free State – No test required. Interstate CVI required.

(2) From other than Brucellosis Free State:

- (a) Official Brucellosis vaccinates under 24 months (beef) and 20 months (dairy) of age from a herd not under brucellosis restrictions – No test required, or
- (b) Originating from a Certified Brucellosis free herd – No test required or
- (c) Complete herd test within one year before the show – No test required, or
- (d) A negative Brucellosis test within 30 days. Nursing calves may be shown on the dam's negative CVI.

- **Leptospirosis**

Recommended: Vaccinations for *L. canicola*, *L. icterhaemorrhagiae*, *L. hardjo*, *L. Pomona*, *L. griptophosa*, are to be seriously considered.

- **Warts, Pinkeye and Ringworm**

Cattle with warts, pinkeye and ringworm should not be entered, as they will not be allowed to show.

2. All breeding cattle, except calves born on or after January 1, 2026, must arrive between 9 am – 4 pm on Sunday, July 26, 2026. Breeding cattle will be released on Monday night at 10 pm and must be off the fairgrounds by 8 am on Tuesday morning. Calves in the breeding show which are born on or after January 1, 2026, must be on the grounds by 9:00 am on Monday July 27th and may be released after the show. Calves in the feeder calf show must arrive by 9:00 am on Monday July 27th and must be weighed before being fed and watered. Feeder calves may be released after the show.
3. Exhibitors of purebred cattle born before January 1, 2026, must present registration papers at time of check in. Calves born after this date must have the date of birth and registration numbers of the sire and dam presented.
4. All cattle must be halter broke. Beef Committees may dismiss any animal which is not properly broken.
5. All Cattle Shows will allow animals to be fitted, except for no additions of any foreign substances or devices, which include but not limited to, hair, hemp, false tail heads, or false switches that change the appearance of the animal will not be allowed. On show day, grooming will be performed in areas designated by the beef committee. Unethical grooming or showing practices will not be tolerated and are grounds for immediate expulsion from the sale and/or show and forfeitures of all awards.
6. There must be competition to win first place premiums. No breeder, firm or corporation may make up their own competition. The Beef committees reserve the right to adjust and combine classes.
7. **Stall space will be assigned by the committee and stalls will be bedded with bark or shavings.**
8. Feed and tack may not be stored in the stall spaces.
9. Due to safety reasons, no fans may be placed in the aisles or directly behind animals in the cattle barns, if fans are hung extension cords must be buried in the ground or hung overhead to prevent a tripping hazard.
10. The show ring shall only be used for practice and showing. No feeding or watering in the show ring. Cattle, except those showing, shall remain in their stalls each day between 5:00 pm and 10:00 pm.
11. All bulls one year old or older must be exhibited with a nose lead or ring.
12. Showmanship will be judged on showman's ability. Fitting is not required but cattle must be presented in a clean manner. To ensure the opportunity for Junior Show Exhibitors to

finish fitting their project animals on their own, an adult “hands off policy” on show days in strongly encouraged. Adults assisting are encouraged to involve the exhibitor in the animal preparation thus providing a “learn-by-doing” experience. Adults should serve as mentors and share equally the preparation.

13. Market beef must be weighed when they are unloaded. Market animals will not be taken to the barn, fed, or watered prior to weighing. Market beef must weigh a minimum of 1,000 pounds and must be properly castrated. No stags will be permitted to show or sell.
14. All market beef animals will be ultrasounded at check in. All market heifers MUST be open to qualify for the show and will be pregnancy checked at ultrasound. Pregnant heifers are not eligible to show or sell.
15. **Animals that do not meet weight requirements may be asked to leave the fairgrounds, subject to space availability.**
16. **If a Market Beef that does not meet weight requirements is permitted to remain on the fairgrounds due to available space, the exhibitor may participate in a Showmanship Class. Beef entered in this class will receive a \$3 premium but will not be eligible for champion selection and will not be eligible for the Junior Livestock Sale. All beef “not in the Junior Livestock Sale” must be removed from the fairgrounds by midnight Monday.**
17. An exhibitor can enter no more than two market beef animals. Market beef animals will be shown by weight. Heifers can only be exhibited as entered on entry form.
18. Each exhibitor is responsible for the care of their cattle and the area around their stall(s) EVERY DAY. **Failure to do so will be caused to eliminate any premiums and sale privileges for market livestock.**
19. **Market Beef must be securely tied by a neck rope as well as a rope halter while at the fairgrounds.**
20. All feeder calves born on or after January 1, 2026, must be properly dehorned and steers must be properly castrated.
21. All feeder calves must be weighed when they are unloaded. Feeder calves will not be taken to the barn, fed, or watered prior to weighing. Feeder calves will be shown by weight.

Class 1

OPEN BREEDING CATTLE SHOW

Section 1 – Angus

Section 2 – Hereford

Section 3 – Simmental

Section 4 – Sim-Solution

Section 5- Shorthorn

Section 6- Commercial

Section 7- AOB

Lot for each class

1. Junior Heifer Calves calved 3/1/26 & after
2. Junior Heifer Calves calved 1/1/26-2/28/26
3. Winter Heifer Calves calved 11/1/25-12/31/25
4. Senior Heifer Calves calved 9/1/25-10/31/25
5. Late Summer Yearling Heifers calved 7/1/25-8/31/25
6. Early Summer Yearling Heifers calved 5/1/25-6/30/25

7. Late Junior Yearling Heifers calved 3/1/25-4/30/25
8. Early Junior Yearling Heifers calved 1/1/25-2/28/25
9. Senior Yearling Heifers calved 9/1/24-12/31/24
10. Late Senior Yearling Heifers calved 5/1/24-8/31/24
11. Champion and Reserve Champion Heifer
12. Junior Bull Calves calved 1/1/26 & after
13. Winter Bull Calves calved 11/1/25-12/31/25
14. Senior Bull Calves calved 9/1/25-10/31/25
15. Late Summer Yearling Bulls calved 7/1/25-8/31/25
16. Early Summer Yearling Bulls calved 5/1/25-6/30/25
17. Late Junior Yearling Bulls calved 3/1/25-4/30/25
18. Early Junior Yearling Bulls calved 1/1/25-2/28/25
19. Senior Yearling Bulls calved 9/1/24-12/31/24
20. Two-Year-Old Bulls calved 1/1/24-8/31/24
21. Champion and Reserve Champion Bulls
22. Two bulls of the same breed, bred and owned by the exhibitor
23. Get of Sire - three animals, both sexes, sired by one bull, all owned by exhibitor. All animals must be shown in individual classes to be eligible.
24. Pair of Yearlings – a Junior, Spring or Summer Yearling Bull and a Junior, Spring or Summer Yearling Heifer owned by exhibitor.
25. Cow-Calf Pair – calves born after 11/1/25.
26. Supreme and Reserve Supreme Champion heifer – Each Breed Champion Heifer of the **Junior Show** is eligible.
27. Section 7: AOB (All Other Breeds). Adding registered Breed subgroups to the Breeding Show
Examples: Maintainers, Shorthorn Plus, Gelbvieh Balancers, Lim-Flex, etc.
 - A. Each will be recognized as a separate breed section if there is a total of three animals. Less than three animals will automatically place them in the All-Other Breeds section.
 - B. Recognized breed subgroup registration papers must accompany the cattle.
 - C. If an animal is registered in two or more breed subgroups, they may only show in one. The owner must choose.
 - D. The breed sections presently listed in the bulletin are exempt from the number's requirement.
 - E. All other recognized breeds must follow the (A) requirement.

Class 2

JUNIOR BREEDING CATTLE SHOW

Sections same as on Page 6

Lots 1-21 and 26 as listed above

Class 3

4-H AND FFA SHOWMANSHIP

1. Senior Division – Exhibitors ages 16-21
2. Intermediate Division – Exhibitors ages 12-15

3. Junior Division – Exhibitors ages 9-11
4. Novice Division- Will be limited to junior first year showman ages 9-11

Class 4

4-H AND FFA FEEDER CALF SHOW

Section IX – Feeder Heifers

Section X – Feeder Steers

Classes for each Section will be based on weight

1. Classes will be split as evenly as possible according to weight
2. Champion & Reserve Feeder Heifer
3. Champion & Reserve Feeder Steer

Class 5

4-H AND FFA MARKET BEEF SHOW

1. Market Steer Classes – split as evenly as possible according to steer weights.
2. Market Heifer Classes- split as evenly as possible according to heifer weights.
3. Supreme and reserve market beef animal will be selected from the light weight, medium weight, heavy weight market steer division, and champion and reserve market heifer.
4. Top five market beef animals will be placed from the list above.

Premiums paid at the following rates:

Open & Junior Breeding Cattle Shows & Feeder Calf Show

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	\$14	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$4	\$2

4-H & FFA Market Beef Show

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	\$16	\$14	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$4

Senior, Intermediate & Junior Showmanship

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6
	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$12	\$10