2024 Cleveland County Fair

Junior Beef Cattle Show – Department EJ

OPEN TO YOUTH EXHIBITORS AGES 5-21 IN NORTH CAROLINA AND SOUTH CAROLINA

Director: Greyson Peeler

**Entry Deadlines & Fees:**

* Early Entry: September 5, 2024
* Late Entry: September 12, 2024 7pm and no entries will be accepted after this date.
* Make your entries early. The show is limited to available tie space, which is 125 head. Tie spaces are assigned in the order entries are received.
* No entry fee.

**Check-In:**

Thursday, October 3 from 12 N - 5 PM

* No cattle will be allowed to arrive outside of this time frame unless the Livestock Director gives direct permission in advance to do so.
* Do not offload until you have spoken with the NCDA&CS veterinarian regarding health inspections.
* Animals showing signs of disease will be returned promptly to the farm of origin.
* Show officials reserve the right of declining any entry.
* Certificates of Veterinary Inspection are only required for out-of-state animals (see Livestock Health Regulations).
* Vehicles and trailers must be moved to Livestock Parking outside Gate 10 immediately after unloading. See director for parking pass at check-in.
* After your animals are tied, bring your registration paper to the entry table to verify that the information contained in the Show Order is correct.

**Show Time:**

Saturday, October 5 at 1 pm

**Release Time:**

Saturday, October 5 at 8 PM

*Exhibitors removing their animals prior to the announced release time shall forfeit all premiums earned.*

**Guidelines:**

* Junior Beef Show is open to youth ages 5-21 as of January 1, 2024
* Animals entered in the Junior Beef Show are eligible to compete in the Open Beef Show, provided they are entered separately under the same youth exhibitor’s name.
* An animal shown in the Youth Beef Show cannot be entered in the Open Beef Show in another exhibitor’s name.
* Junior exhibits may be used to complete group classes in the Open Show provided they are owned by the same family or farm.
* No animal is allowed to compete in group classes unless it is also entered in an individual class.

**Rules & Regulations:**

* Registration certificates for purebred animals must be presented at check-in. If not provided, animals will be moved to the commercial division.
* All animals must be in possession of the owner and have been in the care of the exhibitor for at least 30 days prior to the Fair.
* To compete, exhibitors must be capable of showing their animals without assistance in the show ring. Exhibitors must be at least 5 years old.
* Exhibitors must always maintain control of their animals. Unruly animals will be removed from the premises and forfeit all premiums.
* Feed and bedding must be provided by the exhibitor. Cleveland County Fair will provide a base bedding of sawdust, and exhibitors will supply topdressing. Straw is not permitted.
* No cattle are to be tied outside the barn without the expressed permission of the show director.
* Exhibitors are expected to:
  + Accept assigned tie spaces without controversy.
  + Provide on-site supervision of animals.
  + Keep the space they occupy clean, organized, and attractive.
  + Remove litter or equipment promptly as instructed by the director.
  + Keep their animals clean.
  + Display current Cleveland County Fair ribbons.
  + Display their animals as directed. Exhibitors failing to enter the show ring when their class is call forfeit the privilege of competition.
  + Cooperate with directors to increase the educational value of the show.
* An experienced judge will pass on each class and determine the proper placing in the absence of any competition. The Fair is under no obligation to award ribbons or premiums to unsound, inferior, or distinctly unworthy specimens.
* There will be no classes offered or premiums awarded for any breed show with fewer than three (3) entries. These animals will be eligible to show in the “All Other Breeds” division or the Commercial Division, whichever is applicable.
* Discourteous and unsportsmanlike behavior will by exhibitors or ringside affiliates will not be tolerated. Violation could lead to disqualification and a one-year ban from showing beef cattle at the Cleveland County Fair.
* **Cleveland County Fair shall not be responsible for any accident which may occur to or by reason of any exhibit animals. The exhibitor shall hold Cleveland County Fair blameless and indemnify them against any legal proceedings arising from such actions.**

**Breeds**

Angus

Commercial

Charolais

Red Angus

Hereford

Shorthorn

Simmental

All Other Breeds

**Junior Beef Fitting & Showmanship**

* Enter the appropriate class online,
* Age divisions are based on the exhibitor’s age on January 1, 2024
* A participant may elect to move up to the next age division.

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| **Premiums** | | | | |
| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th |
| $30 | $25 | $20 | $15 | $10 |
| **Classes** | | | | |
| Pee-Wee: 6 and under | | | | |
| Novice: Ages 7-8 | | | | |
| Junior: Ages 9-11 | | | | |
| Intermediate: Ages 12-14 | | | | |
| Senior: Ages 15-18 | | | | |
| Senior Plus: Ages 19-21 | | | | |

**Beef Heifers - Single Classes**

*Enter these classes online.*

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| **Premiums** | | | | |
| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th |
| $40 | $35 | $30 | $25 | $20 |
| **Classes** | | | | |
| Spring Heifer Calves  Born after Mar 1 of current year | | | | |
| Junior Heifer Calves  Born Jan-Feb of current year | | | | |
| Late Senior Heifer Calves  Born Nov-Dev of previous year | | | | |
| Early Senior Heifer Calves  Born Sep-Oct year of previous year | | | | |
| Late Summer Yearlings  Born Jul-Aug of previous year | | | | |
| Early Summer Yearlings  Born May-Jun of previous year | | | | |
| Late Spring Yearlings  Born April of previous year | | | | |
| Early Spring Yearlings  Born March of previous year | | | | |
| Early Junior Yearlings  Born Jan-Feb of previous year | | | | |
| Late Senior Yearlings  Born Nov-Dec two years previous | | | | |
| Early Senior Yearlings  Born Sep-Oct two years previous | | | | |
| Cow/Calf - Calf no more than 250 days old on show date. No age restrictions on the cow. Cow eligible for championship drive. Cow and/or calf may compete in group classes. | | | | |

**Beef Heifer Championships**

*Do not enter this class online.*

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| **Championships** | **Premium** |
| Grand Champion Female | $50 |
| Reserve Champion Female | $25 |
| Best of Show | $100 |

**Herdsman Award**

*Refer to “Livestock, Horse, Poultry & Youth Show Information” for additional details.*

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| **Premiums** | | | | |
| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th |
| $65 | $55 | $45 | $35 | $25 |
| **Class** | | | | |
| Herdsman Award | | | | |

*Competition begins as soon as cattle are offloaded and continues until they are released. The following SCORECARD will serve as the basis for the Director and their appointed judges to use in making determination for awards:*

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| **Evaluation Criteria** | **Possible Points** |
| Condition and cleanliness of herd | 15 |
| Neatness of herdsman & helpers | 10 |
| Courtesy of herdsman & helpers | 10 |
| Method of keeping feed & equipment | 10 |
| Cleanliness of tie-out space | 10 |
| Cleanliness of alleys & walkways | 10 |
| Attractiveness of display area | 10 |
| Promptness entering show ring | 10 |
| Cooperation with show officials | 10 |
| Support given to other exhibitors | 5 |
| **Total:** | **100** |