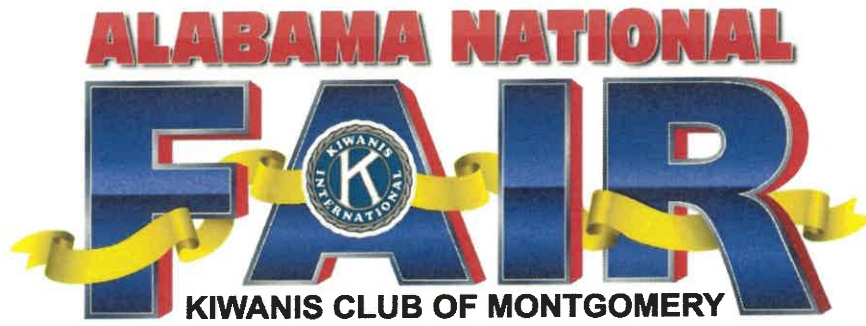




The 11 Best Days of Fall

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Rules and Regulations

Youth Livestock Shows

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GENERAL YOUTH LIVESTOCK RULES

1. **Exhibitors:** All Youth Livestock Show exhibitors must be a bona fide resident of the State of Alabama. Exhibitors agree to hold harmless and to indemnify the Kiwanis Club of Montgomery, its officers, directors, and members; the Alabama National Fair and Agricultural Exposition, Inc, its sponsors, its officers, directors, employees and volunteers, and the City of Montgomery for any claims, demands, or law-suits of any nature whatsoever involving loss of livestock or injury to livestock or exhibitor's personnel or for any actions by exhibitor's personnel. The owner and/or exhibitor is fully responsible for all his/her livestock and other properties, and the Fair is not responsible in any way for such livestock and properties. For damages or injuries that may be done to, or suffered by, said exhibitor, he, she, or they shall have redress against that person or persons causing damage or injury, and not against the Alabama National Fair and Agricultural Exposition, Inc., or the Kiwanis Club of Montgomery, or the State of Alabama.
2. **Exhibitor Participation:** Entries in the Youth Show must be shown by their owner. Only exhibitors with proper entries at the show are eligible to assist exhibitors who have more than one animal in the same class. The only exception will be for handicapped exhibitors which may receive assistance if approved by the show committee.
3. **Exhibitor Age:** For all cattle shows, Beef and Youth and Open Dairy, the exhibitor must be 9 years of age before or on the DAY OF SHOW. For Goat, Sheep, and Swine shows, the exhibitor must be 4 years of age before or on the DAY OF SHOW.
4. **Exhibitor Equipment:** Positively, NO open fires, charcoal fires, grills, cooking or food preparation will be allowed in the barns, pens, displays, or show area. Each exhibitor must furnish their own watering containers. Community or common watering facilities are prohibited.
5. **Entry:** To be eligible, exhibitors must make entries online at www.alnationalfair.org, under the participation tab.

1. ENTRY DEADLINE FOR BEEF AND YOUTH and OPEN DAIRY CATTLE, SHEEP, AND GOATS WILL BE SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026. There will be \$200 late fee for any entries made after August 15th until September 13, 2026.

2. ENTRY DEADLINE FOR SWINE WILL BE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026.
NO SUBSTITUTING AND/OR CHANGES. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GRANTED.

6. **Entry Fee:** Fees for Youth Livestock Show will vary per show.
 - a. Youth Beef Cattle Show: \$40 per animal
 - b. Youth Goat Show: \$20 per animal
 - c. Youth Dairy Cattle Show: \$30 per animal
 - d. Youth Sheep Show: \$20 per animal
 - e. Youth Swine Show: \$20 per animal
7. **Entrance:** The Fair's Coliseum Boulevard Gate (1295 Coliseum Blvd; Montgomery, AL) will always be open so that those wishing to see livestock events may gain admittance without inconvenience. Admission tickets will be required.

Gate Passes: Upon receipt of entry, each livestock exhibitor will receive a complimentary 11-day competitor wristband (Value \$220). All other family members will be required to purchase 11-day gate pass for admittance to the Fair and/or a day pass (prices vary daily). Passes will be sold at the Livestock Gate Entrance for \$25 each (children 5 and under are admitted FREE.) Pre-order season passe(s) can be purchased online during the online process for \$25.

Truck/Trailer Passes: Truck and trailer stickers will be required for livestock exhibitors at a cost of \$10.00. These passes can be purchased online during registration or at the Livestock Entrance Gate upon arrival.

8. **Parking:** There will be instructions posted where exhibitors and volunteers are to park. The parking spaces behind Teague Arena is designate area for Fair Staff and volunteers. There will be hang tags assigned. Exhibitor parking will be in the dirt area in front of the cattle barns with the overflow parking in front of Crawford Arena.
9. **Stalling Animals:** Stalls will be assigned in the all-livestock barns. They will be assigned based on the number of entries from each county. **Any request for stalling must be received in the Fair office before registration deadline.** All animals must be on the Fairgrounds prior to the end of Check-in and must remain in place until the animals has completed competition. Non-entered animals are prohibited.

Stalling Fees: **Beef Cattle** - \$20 per stall (there will be one stall (2 rings) assigned.)

Dairy Cattle - \$20 per stall (one ring per stall)

Goat Pen - \$10 per pen (NO TACK PENS)

Sheep Pen - \$10 per pen (NO TACK PENS)

Swine Pen - \$10 per pen (NO TACK PENS)

10. **Bedding:** The Fair will provide wood shaving for the first bedding only. Hay, feed and additional bedding will be the responsibility of the exhibitor. Exhibitors are required to keep their stalls and any other assigned areas clean.

11. **Animal Care/Information:**

Project Care: Exhibitors must always remain in charge of their project(s) and care for them for the duration of the show. The exhibitor is the absolute insurer of and is responsible for the condition of their animal/project(s). The Livestock Executive Committee reserves the right to decide what always constitutes acceptable treatment of animal/project(s). Unacceptable treatment of animal/project will not be tolerated.

Fitting/Grooming: Animals must be shown in their natural conformation and structure without alteration or modification, except for the grooming and treatment of the hair and trimming of the hooves.

Restraint/Unruly Animals: Exhibitor and patron safety are top priorities. Therefore, Ring Stewards may be forced to remove any unruly animal from the show at any time; to which there will be no appeal. Cattle must be shown with a halter and be sufficiently gentle to be properly handled by the exhibitor.

12. **Pets:** Pets, excluding those defined with American with Disabilities Act as service animals, are not permitted on the grounds at any time.

Accepted Official Identification Types by Species for Fairs

To be eligible, animals must comply with Alabama Animal Disease Traceability (ACT) requirements.

BOVINE: 1. According to the Alabama Traceability Rule (80-3-6-40) “Official ID required for cattle, 18 months of age or older at change of ownership; all female dairy cattle; cattle and bison used in rodeo, show, exhibition or recreational events. Official EID will be 840 EID tags.

Resource: Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries:

<https://agi.alabama.gov/animalindustries/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2024/09/ADT-Flyer-30Sept2024.pdf>

SWINE: 1. An official EID (an electronic identification) ear tag purchased from an approved animal identification number (AIN) manager or distributor.

2. Ear Notches – All swine must have a legible and fully healed (free of scabs or evidence of being freshly cut) ear notch.

SHEEP & GOAT: All sheep and goats are required to have Scrapie Ear Tag.

Resource: Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries:

<https://agi.alabama.gov/animalindustries/animal-health/scrapie/>

ANF Executive Committee

Stephanie Pittman, Alabama National Fair Staff

Melissa Palmer, ANF Livestock Director

Jimmy Parnell, ALFA Staff Member

Mitt Walker, ALFA Staff Member

Collin Adcock, FFA Representative

Dr. Wil Smith, Kiwanis Member

Youth Show Superintendents

Youth Beef Cattle Show: Jimmy Parnell

Youth Goat Show: TBA

Youth Dairy Cattle Show: Reid McGuire

Youth Sheep Show: Donnie Goneke

Youth Swine Show: Reid McGuire

Open Show Superintendent

Open Dairy Cattle Show – Reid McGuire

YOUTH BEEF CATTLE SHOW

Show Schedule

Thursday, October 8th

12 NOON

Barns Open to receive cattle

Livestock Barns

Friday, October 9th

11:00 am to 2:00 pm

3:00 pm

4:30 pm

Registration & Weigh in for Cattle

Youth Beef Cattle – Premier Exhibitor

Youth Beef Cattle – Showmanship

HN Lewis

Teague Arena

Teague Arena

Saturday, October 10th

Youth Beef Cattle Show

Bulls

Market

Breeding Heifers

Teague Arena

This show is subject to the General Youth Livestock Show Rules and Regulation as well as individual show rules.

Species Committee members are as follows: Mr. Jimmy Parnell, Superintendent; Melissa Palmer, ANF Livestock Director; Colton Christjohn, and Mitt Walker.

BULL PROGRAM RULES

1. **Entry:** For animals that have not been weaned, and the dam is present during the Alabama National Fair. Bulls will not be required to be Bred and Owned to compete in the Youth Bull Show. Exhibitors who purchase a bull from a breeder or dealer will be eligible. Breeding bulls are not allowed to be shown during any Showmanship contest. There is no maximum number of bulls an exhibitor can enter. **ALL BULLS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A NOSE RING AND LEAD TO SHOW.**
2. **Age:** All breeding bulls must be born after September 1, 2024.
3. **Divisions:** Breeds will be designed by the original registration papers. Exhibitors with registered cattle will be required to send a copy of the animal's Official Registration Papers to the Alabama National Fair office at anf@alnationalfair.org. Official Registration papers will be checked during check-in to confirm entry into the breed listed below. The following breed divisions will be offered:
 - a. Angus (*Registered with American Angus Association*)
 - b. Braham (*Registered with American Brahman Breeder Association*)
 - c. Brangus (*Registered with International Brangus Breeders Association*)
 - d. Charolais (*Registered with American-International Charolais Association*)
 - e. Chianina (*Must be registered 6.25% or greater Chianina with American Chianina Association; less than 6.25% show in AOB division as Percentage Chi*)
 - f. Hereford (*Registered with American Hereford Association*)
 - g. Limousin (*Must be registered 50% or greater Limousin with North American Limousin Foundation*)
 - h. Maine-Anjou (*Must be registered ¾ or greater Maine-Anjou with American Maine-Anjou*)

Association)

- i. Red Angus *(Must be registered with Red Angus Association of America)*
 - j. Shorthorn *(Must be registered 15/16 or greater with American Shorthorn Association; less than 15/16 show in AOB division as Shorthorn Plus, provided minimum entry criteria is met)*
 - k. Simmental *(Must be registered 7/8 or greater with American Simmental Association to show as purebred. The show in Percentage Simmental division, animal must be at least ½ but less than 7/8 Simmental, and less than ½ Simmental will show as AOB Continental division unless sponsored as a Simmental Influence breed derivative)*
 - l. Texas Longhorn
- 4. **Minimum Entry Criteria:** Show Superintendent reserves the right to move any breed into an AOB division provided there are five (5) or less total head entered. Texas Longhorns are exempt from this rule. Grouping of breeds not meeting the minimum will be at the full discretion of the Superintendent or Livestock Executive Committee.
 - 5. **Class Breaks:** Classes will be broken by animal age at the conclusion of check-in.
 - 6. **Breed Champion Selections:** After the completion of the final class within a breed division, 1st and 2nd Place animals from each class shall be available for Breed Champion & Reserve Breed Champion.
 - 7. **Top 5 Overall Selection:** At the conclusion of the show, Breed Champion & Reserve Breed Champions will compete for Top 5 Overall selection.
 - 8. **Bred & Owned Ownership:** Bred and Owned consideration will be for registered cattle divisions only. The exhibitor's name, breeder name, and owner name must all be the same on the registration paper. Other names listed on the registration paper (ranch names, etc.), even if associated with the exhibitor, will not be accepted.
 - 9. **Bred & Owned Champion Selections:** After the selection of the Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champions from each registered breed division, Bred & Owned cattle from each class will compete for Champion and Reserve Champion Bred & Owned animal. *There will be no Bred & Owned champions selected from the Commercial division.
 - 10. **Champion Overall Selections:** At the conclusion of the show, Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champions will compete for Top 5 Overall selections. Champion and Reserve Champion B & O Heifers will compete for Grand & Reserve Grand Overall B & O.
 - 11. **Decisions:** The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases. Furthermore, the judge could select a Top 5 separate from the Top 5 Overall Breeding Heifer, Bull, or Market Show or may choose to select a Top 5 in any combination from any breed class.
 - 12. **Premium Payout:** Premiums will be decided after the show. Premium checks will be mailed to the exhibitor at the end of the Alabama National Fair.

MARKET PROGRAM RULES

- 1. **Show Weight:** Official Show Weight will be determined during Check-in as animals are placed on official show scales. Weights from the official show scales are considered final.
- 2. **Divisions:** The following breed divisions will be offered provided they meet the minimum entry criteria.
 - a. Angus *(Registered with American Angus Association)*
 - b. Brahman *(Registered with American Brahman Breeders Association)*
 - c. Brangus *(Registered with International Brangus Breeders Association)*

- d. Charolais (*Charolais appearing*)
 - e. Chianina (*Must be registered 6.25% or greater Chianina with American Chianina Association; less than 6.25% show in AOB Continental division as Percentage Chi*)
 - f. Crossbred (*Non-registered, non-papered*)
 - h. Hereford (*Registered with American Hereford Association*)
 - i. Limousin (*Must be registered 50% or greater Limousin with North American Limousin Foundation*)
 - j. Maine-Anjou (*Must be registered ¾ or greater Maine-Anjou with American Maine-Anjou Association; less than ¾ Maine-Anjou show as AOB Continental as Maintainer*)
 - k. Red Angus (*Must be registered with Red Angus Association of America*)
 - l. Shorthorn (*Must be registered purebred with American Shorthorn Association*)
 - m. Simmental (*Must be registered purebred with American Simmental Association*)
 - n. Texas Longhorn
 - o. AOB American: *All American – breed derivatives (includes American breeds not meeting minimum entry criteria)*
 - p. AOB British: *All British – breed derivatives (includes British breeds not meeting minimum entry criteria)*
 - q. AOB Continental: *All Continental – breed derivatives (includes Continental breeds not meeting minimum entry criteria)*
 - r. Market Heifers
3. **Minimum Entry Criteria:** Show Management reserves the right to move any breed into an AOB Division provided there are five (5) or less total heads entered. Alternatively, Show Management reserves the right to make any breed derivative found within an AOB division its own breed provided there are five (5) or more total head entered. Texas Longhorns are exempt from this rule. Grouping of breeds not meeting the minimum will be at the full discretion of the Superintendent.
 4. **Class Breaks:** Official show weight will be determined during Check-in. Weights from the official show scale are final.
 5. **Show Order:** Show order will be determined at the conclusion of check-in.
 6. **Registered Steer Ownership:** All registered steers must be the property of and recorded in the name of the exhibitor by check-in. Registration papers issued by the respective breed associations will be checked for verification of exhibitor ownership. No partnership or authorized representative arrangements are allowed. Steers with registration papers that cannot be substantiated will show as Crossbred.
 7. **Breed Champion Selections:** After the completion of the final class within a breed division, 1st and 2nd place animals from each class shall be available for Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion selection.
 8. **Top 5 Overall Selection:** At the conclusion of the show, Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champions will complete the Top 5 Overall selection.
 9. **Decisions:** The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases. Furthermore, the judge can select a Top 5 separate from the Top 5 Overall Breeding Heifer, Bull, or Market Show or may choose to select a Top 5 in any combination from any breed class.
 10. **Premium Payout:** Premiums will be decided after the show. Premium checks will be mailed to the exhibitor at the end of the Alabama National Fair.

BREEDING HEIFER PROGRAM RULES

1. **Heifer Age:** This event is dedicated to showcasing commercial and registered breeding heifers and it is required that all heifers must be born on September 1, 2024, and after. The Show Committee holds the authority to determine the age of the heifers by mouth examination.
2. **Divisions:** The following breed divisions will be offered provided they meet the minimum entry criteria:
 - a. Angus (*Registered with American Angus Association*)
 - b. Brahman (*Registered with American Brahman Breeders Association*)
 - c. Brangus (*Registered with International Brangus Breeders Association*)
 - d. Charolais (*Registered with American-International Charolais Association*)
 - e. Chianina (*Must be registered 6.25% or greater Chianina with American Chianina Association; less than 6.25% show in AOB Continental division as Percentage Chi*)
 - f. Commercial (*Non-registered, non-papered*)
 - g. Hereford (*Registered with American Hereford Association*)
 - h. Limousin (*Must be registered 50% or greater Limousin with North American Limousin Foundation*)
 - i. Maine-Anjou (*Must be registered $\frac{3}{4}$ or greater Maine-Anjou with American Maine-Anjou Association; less than $\frac{3}{4}$ Maine-Anjou show as AOB Continental division as Maintainer*)
 - j. Red Angus (*Must be registered with Red Angus Association of America*)
 - k. Shorthorn (*Must be registered purebred with American Shorthorn Association*)
 - l. Simmental (*Must be registered purebred with American Simmental Association*)
 - m. Texas Longhorn
 - n. AOB American: *All American-breed derivatives (includes American breeds not meeting minimum entry criteria)*
 - o. AOB British: *All British breed derivatives (includes British breeds not meeting minimum entry criteria)*
 - p. AOB Continental: *All Continental breed derivatives (includes Continental breeds not meeting minimum entry criteria)*
3. **Minimum Entry Criteria:** Show Management reserves the right to move any breed into an AOB division provided there are five (5) or less total head entered. Alternatively, Show Management reserves the right to make any breed derivative found within an AOB division its own breed division provided there are five (5) or more total head entered. Texas Longhorns are exempt from this rule. Grouping of breeds not meeting minimum will be at the full discretion of the Superintendent.
4. **Class Breaks:** Classes will be broken by animal age at the conclusion of check-in. Commercial heifers will be broken by animal weight. There will be minimum or maximum weight for Commercial heifers.
5. **Show Order:** Show order will be determined at the conclusion of check-in.
6. **Registered Heifer Ownership:** All registered heifers must be the property of and recorded in the name of the exhibitor by check-in. Registration papers issued by the respective breed associations will be checked for verification of exhibitor ownership. No partnership or authorized representative arrangements are allowed. Heifers with registration papers that cannot be substantiated will show as commercial heifers.

7. **Breed Champion Selections:** After the completion of the final class within a breed division, 1st and 2nd place animals from each class shall be available for Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion selection.
8. **Bred & Owned Ownership:** Bred and Owned consideration will be for registered cattle divisions only. The exhibitor's name, breeder name, and owner name must all be the same on the registration paper. Other names listed on the registration paper (ranch names, etc.), even if associated with the exhibitor, will not be accepted.
9. **Bred & Owned Champion Selections:** After the selection of the Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champions from each registered breed division, Bred & Owned cattle from each class will compete for Champion and Reserve Champion Bred & Owned animal. *There will be no Bred & Owned champions selected from the Commercial division.
10. **Champion Overall Selections:** At the conclusion of the show, Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champions will compete for Top 5 Overall selections. Champion and Reserve Champion B & O Heifers will compete for Grand & Reserve Grand Overall B & O.
11. **Decisions:** The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases. Furthermore, the judge can select a Top 5 separate from the Top 5 Overall Breeding Heifer, Bull, or Market Show or may choose to select a Top 5 in any combination from any breed class.
12. **Premium Payout:** Premiums will be decided after the show. Premium checks will be mailed to the exhibitor at the end of the Alabama National Fair.

SHOWMANSHIP PROGRAM RULES

1. **Showmanship Age:** Youth Beef Showmanship classes are divided up into 3 divisions. Youth exhibitors will enter the division below based off age at the DAY OF THE SHOW.
 - a. Senior (Ages 16 to 19)
 - b. Intermediate (Ages 13 to 15)
 - c. Junior (Ages 9 to 12)
2. **Entry:** However, to be eligible, the exhibitors must show an animal by their name or sibling. There is no entry fee for Showmanship.
3. **Bulls are not allowed to exhibit in Showmanship classes.**
4. **Classes:** Exhibitors within each age division will be randomly placed into heats. Classes within each division may be comprised of exhibitors of different ages. There will be no more than 10 exhibitors per heat.
5. **Judging:** The judge will not be required to rank every exhibitor within each class. It will be up to the judge to determine how many exhibitors from each class will be returning for the Division Finals.
6. **Division Finals:** Exhibitors selected by the judge from each class will return to compete for the Division Finals. The judge will rank each exhibitor in the Division Finals.

PREMIER EXHIBITOR PROGRAM RULES

To be eligible to be Premier Exhibitor, you must enter and show an animal in the Youth Beef Cattle Show. Youth exhibitors will enter age-appropriate divisions based on their age DAY OF SHOW.

- a. Junior (Ages 9 – 12)
- b. Intermediate (Ages 13 – 15)
- c. Senior (Ages 16 – 19)

Breakdown of Points

- 25% - Based on Skillathon Quiz
- 25% - Based on placing of Judging Class
- 25% - Questions (based on judging class)
- 25% - Based on the placing of Showmanship