



The 11 Best Days of Fall

Official

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 DAIRY CATTLE SHOW

Show Schedule

Sunday, October 11th

5:00 pm

5:00 – 7:00 pm

Barns open to receive Dairy Cattle

Registration for Open/Youth Dairy Cattle

Dairy Barn

HN Lewis Barn

Monday, October 12th

9:00 am

Following Showmanship

1:00 pm

Youth Dairy Cattle Show – Showmanship

Youth Dairy Cattle Show

Open Dairy Cattle Show

Teague Arena

Teague Arena

Tuesday, October 13th

7:15 am – 8:00 am

8:15 am

11:30 am

1:00 pm

1:30 pm

Check In – Youth Dairy Judging Contest

Youth Dairy Judging Contest

Lunch Break

Check In – Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest

Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest

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: Reid McGuire, Superintendent; Colton Christjohn, David Daniels, Richie Traylor and Melissa Palmer, ANF Livestock Director.

YOUTH DAIRY CATTLE SHOW

Ayrshire, Guernsey, Jersey, Brown Swiss, and Holstein

Classes:

01. Spring Heifer Calf: Born March 1 - May 31, 2026
02. Winter Heifer Calf: Born December 1, 2025 - February 28, 2026
03. Fall Heifer Calf: Born September 1, 2025 – November 30, 2025
04. Summer Yearling Heifer: Born June 1, 2025 – August 31, 2025
05. Spring Yearling Heifer: Born March 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025
06. Winter Yearling Heifer: Born December 1, 2024 – February 29, 2025
07. Fall Yearling Heifer: Born September 1, 2024 – November 30, 2024
(Any animal of this age in milk will show in Class 10: Junior Two-Year Old Cow)
08. **JUNIOR CHAMPION FEMALE**
09. **RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION FEMALE**
10. Junior Two-Year Old Cow: Born March 1, 2024 – August 31, 2024
11. Senior Two-Year Old Cow: Born September 1, 2023 – February 28, 2024
12. Three-Year Old Cow: Born March 1, 2023 – August 31, 2023
13. Four-Year Old Cow: Born September 1, 2021- August 31, 2022
14. Five-Year Old Cow: Born September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2021
15. Aged Cow: Six years old and over: Born before September 1, 2020

16. Dry Cow: Three years and over: Born before September 16, 2023
17. **SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE**
18. **RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE**
19. **GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE**
20. **RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE**

COMMERCIAL HEIFERS: Classes will be set by Dairy Show Committee after weighing in at registration.

SHOWMANSHIP PROGRAM RULES

1. **Showmanship Age:** Youth Dairy 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. **Classes:** Exhibitors within each age division will be randomly placed into classes. Classes within each division may be comprised of exhibitors of different ages. There will be no more than 10 exhibitors per class.
3. **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.
4. **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.
5. **Dress Code:** All showmanship contestants must be dressed in white shirts and white or colored pants/slacks. They must wear closed toe shoes.
****Absolutely,** no assistance will be given to exhibitors except as determined by the show coordinator and/or judge.

PREMIER EXHIBITOR PROGRAM RULES

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

Junior (Ages 9 – 12)

Intermediate (Ages 13 – 15)

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

DAIRY CATTLE SHOW – STALL DECORATING COMPETITION

The purpose of this competition is to promote pride in exhibit presentation, educate fair visitors about the dairy industry, and create an enjoyable experience for exhibitors and guests attending the Fair.

Eligibly

1. The competition is open to all exhibitors who entered the Dairy Cattle Show.
2. Each exhibitor or exhibitor group may decorate only the stalls assigned to their animals.
3. Decorations must be completed by the designated judging time.

Theme

Decorations should promote the dairy industry, agriculture, youth involvement, or the Fair. Exhibitors are encouraged to create attractive and educational displays for the public.

Judging Criteria

Stalls will be judged on the following criteria:

1. Appearance and Attractiveness – 25%
2. Originality and Creativity – 25%
3. Educational Value – 20%
4. Neatness and Cleanliness – 20%
5. Use of Theme and Overall Presentation – 10%

Rules

1. Decorations must be safe for animals, exhibitors, and visitors.
2. All displays must remain within the assigned stall area and may not obstruct aisles, walkways, exits, or neighboring exhibits.
3. No nails, screws, staples, glue, paint, or other materials that may damage fair property may be used.
4. Electrical items may only be used with approval from Fair management and must meet all safety requirements.
5. Decorations must not interfere with care, feeding, watering, or movement of animals.
6. All stalls must be kept clean and presentable throughout the Fair.
7. Offensive, political, or inappropriate materials are prohibited.
8. Fair management reserves the right to remove any display deemed unsafe or inappropriate.

Judging

1. Judging will take place without prior notification.
2. Judges' decisions are final.
3. Stalls must remain decorated until the conclusion of the Dairy Cattle Show unless otherwise directed by Fair management.

Awards

Awards will be presented for 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place. Premiums will be awarded.