

OPEN CLASS BEEF CATTLE

2026

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1. Open Class Registration Deadline – **July 15**. Register online at fair.manitowocountywi.gov.
2. Entry Day – **Tuesday, August 25**, in the Multi-Purpose Building. Must be stalled by 11:45am. All animals must have a halter on.
3. Judging Day – **Wednesday, August 26**, **starting at 3:30pm or one hour following sheep**, Multi-Purpose Building.
4. Release Day – **Sunday, August 30**, market beef will be released at 4:30pm with the contract hauler only. All others will be released at 5:30pm along with decoration and pen breakdown.
5. Each exhibitor must care for and feed the animal or make arrangements to have the animal fed or cared for and cleaned. **All animals must be kept clean, fed, watered and in place until checkout time on Sunday. An inspection will be done daily after 8am by the Superintendent. If an animal is determined to be neglected in any way by the Superintendent and/or Expo board member, the Exhibitor will be notified. Failure to keep pen clean and animal fed could result in forfeiture of premiums and possibly excluded from participation the following fair year.**
6. Stall Rent – a stall rent of \$1 per animal and a manure fee of \$4 per animal will be charged and paid at the time of registration.
7. No more than two (2) animals may be shown in each lot number by one (1) exhibitor or one (1) Registered Farm Name.
8. Two (2) premiums can be awarded to one (1) exhibitor in individual entries, but only one (1) premium in group entries.
9. No Jr. Fair Exhibitors can show in Open Class. Must be under Farm Name or Individual's Name.
10. **HEALTH REGULATIONS:** See WI County, District, & State Fairs **2026** Animal Health Rules and Regulations located on the website. Any required health certificates/copies must remain in the Expo office during the fair.
11. **Fans:** Use of one (1) fan no larger than 24" in diameter per animal is allowed. Overhead fans must be hung from the front or side of dividers/panels on either end of the display. The superintendent reserves the right to determine acceptable placement and usage. Floor fans or portable fan stands will not be allowed in the aisles or display/tack areas. Chilling and/or cooling devices are not allowed.
12. Junior Fair Exhibitors may not show in both Open Class and Junior Fair in the same year and collect premiums.

All Exhibitors in this department must call the Superintendent no later **August 1 with the number of animals they will be bringing. If Exhibitor is Over/Under by more than one animal, there will be a penalty of not exhibiting at the next Manitowoc County Fair.**

AGE CLASSIFICATION

JUNIOR CALF	Born on or after January 1 of the current year
SENIOR CALF	Born on or between September 1 and December 31 of the year preceding the exhibit year
SUMMER YEARLING	Born on or between May 1 and August 31 of the year preceding the exhibit year
JUNIOR YEARLING	Born on or between January 1 and April 30 of the year preceding the exhibit year
SENIOR YEARLING	Born on or between September 1 and December 31 of the second year preceding the exhibit year
TWO YEAR OLD COWS & OVER	Born on or between September 1 and two (2) years preceding the exhibit year

CLASS A: ANY PURE BREED

Premiums with 1* Paid as Follows:

Blue Ribbon - \$12.00 Red Ribbon - \$10.00 White Ribbon - \$8.00 Pink Ribbon - \$6.00

Premiums with 2 Paid as Follows:**

Blue Ribbon - \$14.00 Red Ribbon - \$12.00 White Ribbon - \$10.00 Pink Ribbon - \$8.00

Male (Bull)

1 – Champion
1 – Reserve Champion

Female (Heifer)

1 – Champion
1 – Reserve Champion

Lot Numbers:

100. *Junior Heifer Calf	104. **Senior Yearling Heifer Calf	107. *Senior Bull Calf
101. *Senior Heifer Calf	105. **Cow/Calf Pair: Cow, two	108. **Summer Yearling Bull Calf
102. **Summer Yearling Heifer Calf	(2) Years and Older (should have calf at side)	109. **Junior Yearling Bull Calf
103. **Junior Yearling Heifer Calf	106. *Junior Bull Calf	110. **Senior Yearling Bull Calf
		111. *Junior Steer Calf