

2026

JUNIOR FAIR BEEF CATTLE

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1. Entry Day – **Tuesday, August 25**, 10am-11:30am, in the Multi-Purpose Building with unloading animals only on the north side of the Multi-Purpose building. Weigh-in to follow swine, sheep and goats. Must be stalled by 11:45am. All animals must have a halter on. **ALL JUNIOR BEEF EXHIBITORS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND AN EXHIBITOR MEETING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ENTRY TIME OR BY 11:45AM IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING. RULES AND EXPECTATIONS WILL BE REVIEWED, DISCUSSED AND STRICTLY ENFORCED THEREAFTER.**
2. Judging Day – **Wednesday, August 26**, **starting at 3:30pm or one hour following sheep**, Multi-Purpose Building.
3. Release Day – **Sunday, August 30**, market beef will be released at 4:30pm with the contract hauler only. **Starting no earlier than 5:30pm, all others will be released and decorations can be taken down. Exhibitors Must remove bedding at least two (2) feet from the fence/wall prior to leaving the fairgrounds. NO GARBAGE IN THE MANURE.**
4. Stalls will be assigned by the Junior Fair Beef Cattle Superintendent. All exhibitors must show with the youth organization whose leader approved the entry. Junior Fair exhibitors must keep beef with the Junior Fair exhibit.
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. No more than four (4) animals may be exhibited in Junior Fair with a max of two (2) animals per lot number. However, only one (1) animal to be exhibited in classes B, C, and D. No changes will be allowed after registration forms are submitted.
7. **Only one (1) animal allowed in the sale.** After final weigh-in, steers will be divided into three (3) weight classes: Light-Medium-Heavy, **if numbers allow.** Each beef exhibitor may enter four (4) animals. Only one (1) can be shown in each lot number. (This will be determined by the superintendent).
8. Registration Papers are required for all Low-Line/Miniature Breeds for the steer classes. This class will be divided according to weight, if necessary. One (1) Champion and One (1) Reserve Champion will be selected for these breeds and will compete against the Beef, Dairy, Dairy Cross Steer, and Market Heifers Low Line/Miniature Breeds for Overall Champion and Reserve Champion.
9. Champion Ribbons and/or trophies will not be awarded unless there is competition.
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. Exhibitors must show their own animals. The same animal must be used for all heats and finals. If assistance is needed, it will be provided by the ring help. Unruly animals will be tied up on the side of the show ring.
13. **JUNIOR FAIR EXHIBITORS MUST WEAR THEIR EXHIBITOR NUMBERED HAT/HARNESS WHILE SHOWING. FAILURE TO WEAR THE EXHIBITOR NUMBER WILL RESULT IN PREMIUM MONEY FORFEITURE!**

All Exhibitors in this department must call the Superintendent no later than **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 BREED

Premiums for Class A is as Follows:

Blue Ribbon - \$11.00 Red Ribbon - \$9.00 White Ribbon - \$7.00 Pink Ribbon - \$5.00

Champion Female

- 1 – Champion
- 1 – Reserve Champion

Champion Male

- 1 – Champion
- 1 – Reserve Champion

Lot Numbers:

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| 100. Junior Heifer Calf | 105. Cow, two (2) Years and Older
(should have calf at side) | 109. Junior Yearling Bull Calf |
| 101. Senior Heifer Calf | 106. Junior Bull Calf | 110. Senior Yearling Bull Calf |
| 102. Summer Yearling Heifer Calf | 107. Senior Bull Calf | 111. Junior Steer Calf |
| 103. Junior Yearling Heifer Calf | 108. Summer Yearling Bull Calf | 112. Junior Dairy Steer Calf |
| 104. Senior Yearling Heifer Calf | | 113. Junior Yearling Steer Calf |

CLASS B: MARKET CLASS

1. All animals in this class are required to have an ear tag from the Manitowoc Market Animal Committee to be eligible to show. If you did not obtain an ear tag by April 30, **exhibitor is not eligible to participate**. In order to participate in the Market Animal Sale at the fair, the exhibitor MUST meet all of the Manitowoc County Market Animal Committee Requirements. **If Exhibitor did not obtain ear tag or meet all other requirements, Exhibitor must enter into a different class, Class A Lot 113, Junior Yearling Steer Calf.**

2. Only One (1) Entry Per Lot Number

3. Classification as a Low-Line/Miniature Breeds

- a. Animals must be presented with official Bred Association Registration papers at the time of check-in at the county fair.
- b. Animals must measure a minimum of 38" to a maximum of 48" to be shown in Lot 118.
- c. Animals must meet a minimum weight of:
 - i. Miniature Breed 600lbs to a maximum weight of 1,099lbs.
 - ii. Low-Line Breed 700lbs to a maximum weight of 1,099lbs.
- d. If criteria is not met, exhibitor will be placed in the Market Steer Class.

4. In the event the animal is declared at weigh-in not to be sold and is awarded Grand Champion or Reserve Champion, an Honorable Mention will be chosen for sale purposes only.

Premiums are as Follows:

Blue Ribbon - \$8.00 Red Ribbon - \$7.00 White Ribbon - \$6.00 Pink Ribbon - \$5.00

Champion Market Beef (Champion Steer or Heifer)

Lot Numbers:

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| 114. Beef Bred Steer | 116. Market Heifer | 118. Low-Line/Miniature Breeds |
| 115. Dairy Steer | 117. Dairy Cross | |

CLASS C: SHOWMANSHIP (Danish Judging)

Premiums are as Follows:

Blue Ribbon - \$3.00 Red Ribbon - \$2.50 White Ribbon - \$2.00 Pink Ribbon - \$1.50

Lot Numbers:

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| 119. Grades 9 & Above | 120. Grades 6-8 | 121. Grades 3-5 |
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Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Show person

A Supreme Champion Show person and a Reserve Supreme Champion Show person will be selected from the above showmanship age Blue Ribbon winners. Ribbon Award Only.

CLASS D: CARCASS (Danish Judging)

Premiums as Follows:

Blue Ribbon - \$6.00 Red Ribbon - \$5.00 White Ribbon - \$4.00 Pink Ribbon - \$3.00

Lot Numbers:

- 122. Beef Carcass Scanning *Limit one (1) per exhibitor

HERDSMANSHIP

Lot Numbers:

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| All Groups | |
| Animal, Living Space & Exhibitors | 55 points |
| Club Sign, Decorations & Cards | 15 points |
| Aisles, Storage & Feed | 30 points |
| Total | 100 points |

Herdsmanship awards will be made in three (3) groups divided according to the number of animals exhibited.

All clubs are automatically entered. (Ribbon Award Only)

- 1. Clubs cannot use decorations wider than 11-12 inch boards that are furnished.
- 2. Consideration will be given to maturity of animals in the exhibit. Ribbons will be presented on Sunday afternoon.