

**DEPARTMENT 3 - OPEN CLASS BEEF
BREEDING BEEF, MARKET STEERS & DAIRY BEEF**

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**Registrations Due Wednesday, July 15, 2026
Registration Fee - \$5.00 Per Head**

**Beef Show - Wednesday at 9:00 AM
The 2026 Fitting Rule For All Livestock Bath/Blow/Brush (Only).
Animals Should Be Clipped Appropriately Prior to Fair week.**

It Is Your Responsibility As An Exhibitor To Read And Be Aware Of All Rules And Regulations As Set Forth By The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture And the American Legion County Fair

OPEN CLASS BEEF RULES

1. Late Registrations will not be accepted unless arrangements have been made with the office
2. Exhibitors Must Be at least 8 Years of age by September 1st of the current year.
3. Exhibitors must abide by the Department of Agriculture's rules and regulations and the General Livestock rules which is found at the beginning of the Premium Book.
4. Cattle will have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) completed within 30 days of check-in.
5. Animals are assigned a Check-In time in which;
 - ◇ All exhibitors are responsible for getting their animals onto the scale during their scheduled time.
 - ◇ Health papers and animals will be checked, and regulations will be enforced.
6. Cattle shall be identified by an official ear tag or other unique identification device approved by the PDA official identification includes;
 - ◇ A 15 digit Animal Identification Number (AIN) ear tag starting with "840"
7. Due to space limitations and safety concerns, use of grooming chutes in the Beef Barn are subjected to the following regulations:
 - ◇ Grooming Chutes may be brought into the Beef Barn after Fair Closing on Monday evening and must be removed immediately following judging on Wednesday.
 - ◇ Grooming Chutes may also be used for special events i.e. fitting competitions.
 - ◇ To ensure equal access to the washing facilities, grooming chutes are NOT PERMITTED on the wash rack.
8. Exhibitors must keep their animals under control at all times.
9. Any unused feed, feeding utensils and / or bedding must be kept out of sight at all times.
10. Each exhibitor is responsible for keeping stalls clean with fresh bedding and all animals must be well groomed at all times.
11. **Each Exhibitor must provide their own bedding.**
12. Joint ownership is considered to be one owner in accordance with registration papers.

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OPEN CLASS BEEF RULES

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13. Animals must be under halter while being shown and controlled by owner or the owner’s representative.
14. Cattle shown in the 4-H classes are not eligible to be shown in the Open Class.
15. The weight for Open Class Dairy Beef is a minimum 400 Lbs. and a maximum of 900 Lbs.
16. All stalls must be cleaned daily and upon the exit of your animal. It is not the responsibility of the Superintendent. **Failure to comply will result in premium checks being held.**
17. Entries will be released from the barn at 7 pm the last Saturday of fair week.
18. There is no limit to the number of animals an exhibitor may show in Open Class providing barn space is available.

DEPARTMENT 3 - OPEN CLASS

Section 1 - Breeding Beef

| Class | SECTION 1 – BREEDING BEEF | 1ST | 2ND | 3RD | 4TH | 5TH |
|--------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Premiums | 10.00 | 8.00 | 6.00 | 4.00 | 2.00 |
| 1. | Junior Bull Calves, Calved after 01/01/26 | | | | | |
| 2. | Senior Bull Calves, Calved 09/01 to 12/31/25 | | | | | |
| 3. | Summer Yearling Bull, Calved 05/01 to 08/31/25 | | | | | |
| 4. | Junior Yearling Bull, Calved 01/01 to 04/30/25 | | | | | |
| 5. | Senior Yearling Bull, Calved 09/01 to 12/31/24 | | | | | |
| 6. | 2 Year Old Bull, Calved 01/01 to 08/31/24 | | | | | |
| 7. | Grand Champion Bull 1st Place Competing | Rosette | | | | |
| 8. | Reserve Grand Champion Bull | Rosette | | | | |
| 9. | Junior, Heifer Calves Born After 03/01/26 | | | | | |
| 10. | Senior Heifer Calves, Born 01/01 to 02/28/26 | | | | | |
| 11. | Late Senior Heifer, Born 11/01 to 12/31/25 | | | | | |
| 12. | Senior Heifer Calves, Born 09/01 to 10/31/25 | | | | | |
| 13. | Summer Yearling Heifer, Born 06/15 to 8/31/25 | | | | | |
| 14. | Junior Yearling Heifer, Calved 03/01 to 06/14/25 | | | | | |
| 15. | Early Yearling Heifer, Born 01/01 to 02/28/25 | | | | | |
| 16. | Senior Yearling Heifer, Born 09/01 to 12/31/24 | | | | | |
| 17. | 2 Year Old Heifer, Born 01/01 to 08/31/24 | | | | | |
| 18. | Grand Champion Female 1st Place Competing | Rosette | | | | |
| 19. | Reserve Champion Female | Rosette | | | | |

**DEPARTMENT 3 - OPEN CLASS
Section 2 - Market Steers**

| Class | SECTION 2 – MARKET STEERS | 1 ST | 2 ND | 3 RD | 4 TH | 5 TH |
|-------|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Premiums | 10.00 | 8.00 | 6.00 | 4.00 | 2.00 |
| 20. | Lightweight | | | | | |
| 21. | Champion Lightweight | Rosette | | | | |
| 22. | Reserve Champion Lightweight | Rosette | | | | |
| 23. | Medium Weight | | | | | |
| 24. | Champion Medium Weight | Rosette | | | | |
| 25. | Reserve Champion Medium Weight | Rosette | | | | |
| 26. | Heavy Weight | | | | | |
| 27. | Champion Heavy Weight | Rosette | | | | |
| 28. | Reserve Champion Heavy Weight | Rosette | | | | |
| 29. | Grand Champion Market Steer | Banner | | | | |
| 30. | Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer | Banner | | | | |

**DEPARTMENT 3 - OPEN CLASS
Section 3 - Dairy Beef**

| Class | SECTION 3 – DAIRY BEEF | 1 ST | 2 ND | 3 RD | 4 TH | 5 TH |
|-------|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Premiums | 10.00 | 8.00 | 6.00 | 4.00 | 2.00 |
| 31. | Lightweight | | | | | |
| 32. | Champion Lightweight | Rosette | | | | |
| 33. | Reserve Champion Lightweight | Rosette | | | | |
| 34. | Medium Weight | | | | | |
| 35. | Champion Medium Weight | Rosette | | | | |
| 36. | Reserve Champion Medium Weight | Rosette | | | | |
| 37. | Heavy Weight | | | | | |
| 38. | Champion Heavy Weight | Rosette | | | | |
| 39. | Reserve Champion Heavy Weight | Rosette | | | | |
| 40. | Grand Champion Dairy Beef | Banner | | | | |
| 41. | Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Beef | Banner | | | | |

**DEPARTMENT 10 SECTION 308
Stall Decorations**

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| | Premiums | 10.00 | 8.00 | 6.00 | 4.00 | 2.00 |
| 75 | Stall Decorations | | | | | |

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