

Department AA 4-H Beef Show

Chairperson: Jennifer Martin

Co-Chairman: Kendall Clark

Judged: Tuesday, August 12th, 2025 at 9:00am

Rules and Regulations:

1. All entries are subject to the General Rules and Regulations. Maryland Department of Agriculture requires that all Beef must be individually identified by an official RFID ear tag prior to a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (Health Papers).
2. Awards will be provided for First Year (Novice), Junior, Intermediate and Senior Showmanship. Grand Champion Overall showman will compete against previous Sweepstakes winners for the revolving trophy. Sweepstakes is open only to Queen Anne's County 4-H/FFA members.
3. All Market beef (steer or market heifer) to be sold in the Livestock Sale must be weighed at the 4H Park by a 4H inspected scale.
4. Breeding stock must be registered in Exhibitor's name no later than July 1, 2025, and Market beef must be owned by the Exhibitor by January 1, 2025. Commercial heifers must be tagged with a 4-H tag by July 1, 2025 and have a copy of livestock registration form.
5. Unmanageable animals may be dismissed from the show and grounds. All animals **MUST** be halter-broken for the show.
7. All Dairy Steers and Purebred Beef Steers must have proof of Dam and Sire registration.
8. Exhibitors will be allowed to show not more than 5 market beef animals.
9. All beef animals are to be bedded with mulch. Mulch will be provided by the fair and available at the fairgrounds. Any other bedding desired by be supplied by the exhibitor and notify the chairman prior to fair starting.
10. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping designated pen areas cleaned.
11. ALL CLASSES IN THE 4-H SHOW WILL BE WASH/DRY/CLIP. No fitting products (show foam, adhesive, show-glo, etc.) are to be used on the animal.
12. Steers must be dehorned (unless horns are a breed characteristic), castrated AND healed before the show.
13. Blocking chutes - if the side pole is used in a vertical position, it must be secured at the top and bottom. All chutes must be out of isle ways.
14. Tie-outs are first come, first serve and will NOT be allowed until fair hours are over. **Tie-outs will be from 10 P.M. to 6 A.M. NO EXCEPTIONS.** Tie-outs are not required. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping tie out area clean during the week of the fair and responsible for cleaning out the area after fair has completed.
15. No premium will be awarded for Champion and Reserve Champion. Ribbons will be awarded.
16. All breed classes will be shown in alphabetical order.
17. Heifers can either be shown in the market class or breed NOT both.
18. Only registered animals may be shown in breed classes, and they must be registered in the name of the Exhibitor. Registration papers will be checked by chairman.
19. All crossbred/commercial heifers showing in the 4H show are required to have a green tag provided by the extension office before June 1st.
20. There will be a Grand and a Reserve Overall heifer, steer, feeder calf, dairy steer, bred and owned heifer, bred and owned steer. There will be a supreme bull and cow/calf pair.
21. The judge will determine if the market animal is "finished", if deemed as unfinished the exhibitor will not be able to sell in livestock auction.
22. All decisions made by the judge and the chairman are final.

Owned means the exhibitor owns the project animal by January 1 for market animals and July 1 for breed animals of the current year.

Bred & Owned means the exhibitor owned the mother of the project animal at the time of breeding (conception).

NOTE: Any exhibitor planning to show a purebred steer at the Maryland State Fair must have the steer registered with the appropriate breed association.

Rate of Gain

1. Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded for the top rate of gain winners.

Beef Showmanship

1. Exhibitors will compete according to their 4-H age (age as of January 1st).
2. Participants in showmanship will be judged strictly on their showmanship in the ring. The judge may ask questions of the contestants during the class. Proper 4H showmanship attire is required. Khaki Pants and White Shirt.
3. There will be a Champion and Reserve for each age division.
4. The Champions in each division will compete against each other for Grand and Reserve Overall Showman. The Reserve Champion in a division has a chance to go in for Reserve overall showman if the Champion of that division wins.

Department AA: 4-H/FFA Beef

Division 01 – Fitting & Showing:

Class #

- 1 - Senior Fitting & Showing (15-18)
- 2 - Intermediate Fitting & Showing (12-14)
- 3 - Junior Fitting & Showing (9-11)
- 4 - Novice Fitting & Showing (Age 8 AND any-first-year beef exhibitor)

NOTE- Register by exhibitors Age AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025

Breeding Show Divisions are Breed Codes:

AA02- Angus

AA03- Chi

AA04- Hereford

AA05- Scottish Highland

AA06- Shorthorn

AA07- Shorthorn Plus

AA08- Maintainer

AA09 -All Other Purebreds (*i.e., Red Angus, Simmental, Simmental %, Maine Anjou, Charolais, Charolais Composite, Belted Galloway, British White Park, Mini Hereford*)

AA10 - Crossbreed/Commercial

- 1 - Cow/Calf Natural – Nursing- born after Jan. 1, 2025
- 2 - Junior Calves – Born on/or after Jan. 1, 2025
- 3 - Senior Calves – Born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2024
- 4 - Summer Yearling – Born May 1-Aug. 31, 2024
- 5 - Intermediate Yearling – Born Mar. 1-Apr. 30, 2024
- 6 - Junior Yearling – Born Jan. 1, 2024-Feb. 28, 2024
- 7 - Senior Yearling – Born Sept. 1, 2023-Dec. 31, 2023

Market Steer Divisions are Breed Codes:

AA11- Angus

AA12- Chi

AA13- Hereford

AA14- Scottish Highland

AA15- Shorthorn

AA16- Shorthorn Plus

AA17- Maintainer

AA18- All Other Breeds (AOB) (*i.e., Red Angus, Simmental, Simmental %, Maine Anjou, Charolais, Charolais Composite, Belted Galloway, British White Park, Mini Hereford*)

AA19- Crossbreed/Commercial

AA20- Market Heifer

AA21- Beef Feeder

AA22- Bred & Owned

AA23- Dairy Market

2025 Feeder Calf Project

Rules and Regulations:

1. **Calves must be born January 1, 2025** or later. Ideally, calves should be born in March, April or May.
2. Ownership deadline is June 1, 2025. Calves must be born January 1, 2025.
3. Calves will be tagged with the standard 4-H tag at county weigh **TBD**.
4. Weight range for exhibition at the Queen Anne's County Fair is 200 pounds' minimum and 700 pound maximum. Cattle outside of this range will not be eligible for the feeder calf show and will have to be placed into the market steer division.
5. Dairy and beef breeds (includes crossbreeds) are eligible. Steers and heifers are acceptable. No bulls.
6. Feeder calves do not compete for Grand Champion Market Steer.
7. Any feeder calves nursing a cow at the Queen Anne's County Fair must be exhibited in the Cow/Calf Class **ONLY**.
8. Classes may be split by breed, sex, and/or weight at the discretion of the Show Committee.
9. Exhibitors will not be able to show more than 5 feeder calves.

Division 15 - Feeder Calves

Class #

1 - Beef Feeder calves

4 - Dairy Feeder calves

2025 Bred & Owned Project

Bred & Owned means exhibitor owned the mother of the project animal at the time of breeding(conception).

NOTE: Any exhibitor planning to show a purebred steer at the Maryland State Fair must have the steer registered with the appropriate breed association.

- There will be one class of Bred & Owned heifers, no matter age or breed.
- There will be one class of Steers, no matter weight or breed.
- Same breed rules apply to these animals as stated above.

- Exhibitors can only enter the class if their animals are bred & owned.
- Exhibitors will be able to cross enter with the animal from the regular show. **Which means if your project is Bred & Owned you need to ALSO register for the Bred & Owned Class.**

Division 16 - Bred & Owned

Class #

- 1 - Bred & Owned Heifers
- 4 - Bred & Owned Steers

2025 4-Hand FFA Dairy Steers

Judged: Tuesday, August 12th, 2025 Following Beef Show

Rules and Regulations:

1. All Dairy Steers must be the bona fide property of the Exhibitor and must have been owned on/or before January 1, 2025.
2. Dairy Steers can be crossbred but they must be 100% dairy, with proof of Dam and Sire registration.
3. Exhibitors may not show more than 5 dairy steers.

Division 17 - Dairy Steers

Class #

- 1 - Dairy Steer

Department 100-Open Beef Show

Chairperson: Jennifer Martin

Co-Chairman: Kendall Clark

Judged: Friday, August 15th, 2025 at 10:00 am

Rules and Regulations:

All Open Beef animals MUST be on grounds by 9:00 am

All Open Beef animals are released at the completion of the show.

1. Only registered animals may be shown in breed classes, and they must be registered in the name of the Exhibitor. Registration papers will be checked by beef chairman or co-chairman.
2. An entry fee of \$10.00 per head will be charged. (non-refundable)
3. Each exhibitor is limited to two (2) animals in any one class.
4. The Committee reserves the right to combine classes if there are less than three entries.
5. Any animal in a group class must be shown as an individual.
6. **BLOCKING CHUTES** - If side pole is used in vertical position, it **MUST BE SECURED** at the top and bottom. Chutes must be out of aisle ways.
7. All Dairy Steer and Purebred Beef Steers must have proof of Dam and Sire Registration.
8. **Fitting and use of show products are allowed in open show ONLY.**
9. Owned means the exhibitor owns the project animal by July 1st of the current year. Bred & Owned means exhibitor owned the mother of the project animal at the time of breeding (conception). Market animals owned by June 1st of the current year.
10. Bull classes are either Owned or Bred & owned. You may NOT cross enter.

11. Weigh-In of Market Steers and Market Heifers will be promptly at 8:30 am, Friday, August 15th, 2025. Please make sure to bring breed registration papers to either the chairman or co-chairman of the beef show.
12. Barn spots are a first come first serve basis, showing off trailers is permitted in designated area, a tent will be provided for stalling for open show exhibitors.
13. No premium will be awarded for Champion and Reserve Champion. Ribbons will be awarded.
14. All breed classes will be shown in alphabetical order.
15. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping designated pen areas cleaned.
16. Stalls or tie-up areas must be cleaned before leaving the fairgrounds or premiums will be withheld.
17. Heifers can either be shown in the market class or breed NOT both.
18. There will be a Grand and a Reserve Overall heifer, steer, feeder calf, dairy steer, bred and owned heifer, and bred and owned steer. There will be a supreme bull and cow/calf pair.
19. All decisions made by the judge and the chairman are final.

Divisions are breed codes:

10002- Angus
 10003- Chi
 10004- Hereford
 10005- Scottish Highland
 10006- Shorthorn
 10007- Shorthorn Plus
 10008- Maintainer
 10009-All Other Purebreds (i.e., Red Angus, Simmental, Simmental %, Maine Anjou, Charolais, Charolais Composite, Belted Galloway, British White Park, Mini Hereford)
 10010- Crossbreed/Commercial

Class #:

- 1 - Cow Calf Natural – Nursing- born after Jan. 1, 2025
- 2 - Junior Calves – Calved on/or after Jan. 1, 2025
- 3 - Senior Calves – Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, 2024
- 4 - Summer Yearling – May 1 - Aug. 31, 2024
- 5 - Intermediate Yearling – Mar. 1 - Apr. 30, 2024
- 6 - Junior Yearling – Jan. 1 - Feb. 28, 2024
- 7 - Senior Yearling – Sept. 1, 2023 - Dec. 31, 2023

Bull Classes

- 11 - Owned Junior Bull Calf – Born on/or after Jan. 1, 2025
- 12 - Owned Senior Bull Calf – Sept. 1, 2024-Dec. 31, 2024
- 13 - Owned Yearling Bull – Born before Jan. 1, 2024
- 14 - Owned 2-Year-Old Bull – on/or after Jan. 1, 2023
- 15 - Bred & Owned Bull Calf
- 16 - Bred & Owned Yearling Bull
- 17 - Bred & Owned 2-Year-Old Bull

Division 10011: Open Market Animals

Weight Classes will be determined after weigh-in.

Class #

- 1 - Market Beef Animal

Department 100: Open Feeder Calf Show

Rules and Regulations:

1. Calves must be born January 1, 2025 or later. Ideally, calves should be born in March, April or May.
2. Ownership deadline is June 1, 2025.
3. Weight range for exhibition at the Queen Anne's County Fair is 200 pounds for minimum and 700 pound maximum. Cattle outside of this range will not be eligible for the feeder calf show.
4. Dairy and beef breeds (include crossbreeds) are eligible. Steers and heifers are acceptable. No bulls.
5. Feeder calves do not compete for Grand Champion Market Steer.
6. Any feeder calves nursing a cow at the Queen Anne's County Fair must be exhibited in the Cow/Calf Class **ONLY**.
7. Classes may be split by breed, sex, and/or weight at the discretion of the Show Committee.

Division 10012: Feeder Calf

Class #

- 1 - Beef Feeder Calf
- 2 - Dairy Feeder Calf

Department 100: Open Dairy Steers

Judged: Friday, August 15th, 2025 Following Open Beef Show

Rules and Regulations:

1. All Steers must be 100% dairy bred.
2. All Steers must be the bona fide property of the Exhibitor and must have been owned on/or before Jan. 1, 2025.
3. Steers must be dehorned, castrated, AND healed before the show.
4. All animals must be halter-broken for the show. Unmanageable animals may be dismissed from the grounds.
5. All animals and health papers will be checked by the State Veterinarian before unloading.
6. Dairy Steers can be crossbred but they must be 100% dairy with proof of Dam and Sire registration.
7. Exhibitors will be allowed to show not more than 5 dairy beef animals.
8. All beef animals are to be bedded with mulch only. Mulch will be provided by the fair and available at the fairgrounds.

Division 10013: Open Dairy Steer

Class #

- 1 - Dairy Steer