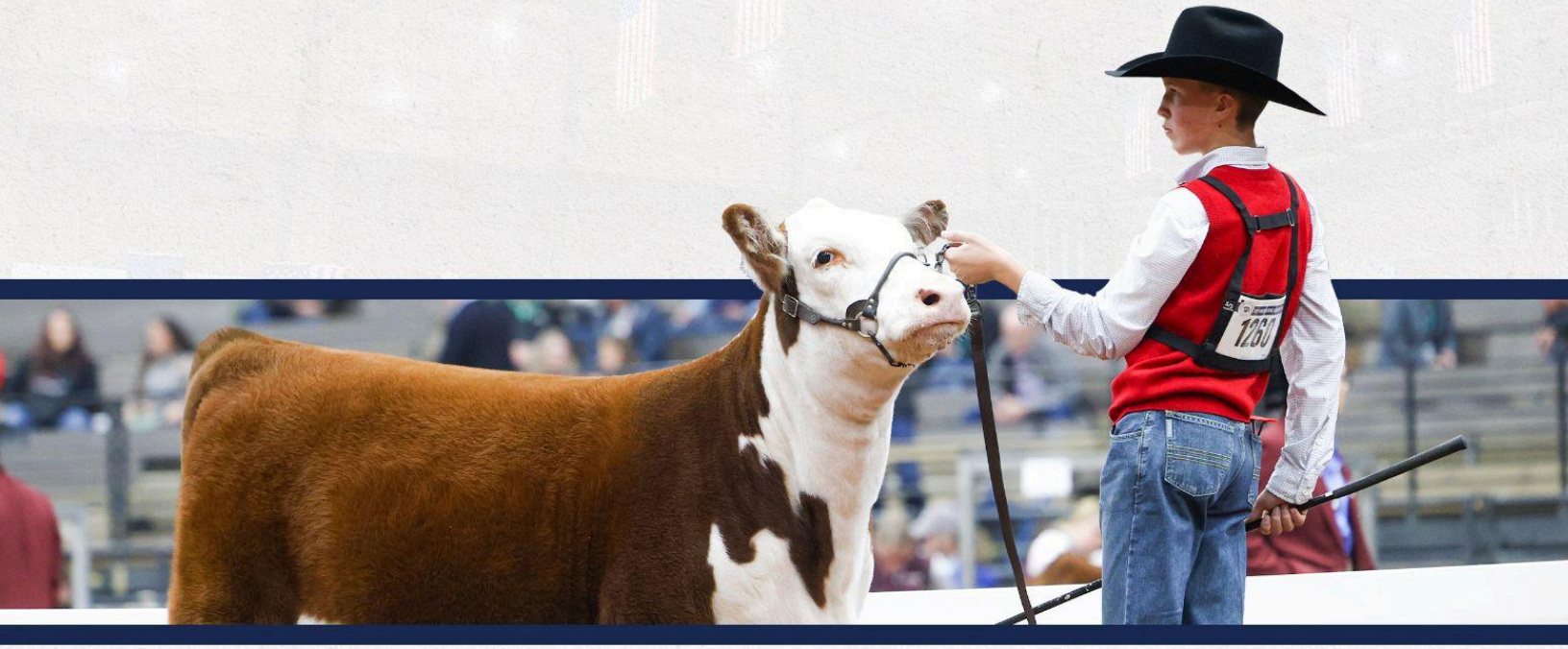
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Hotels & Accommodations

Hotels

Exhibitors & competitors are personally responsible for all aspects of their hotel & transportation needs during their visit. However, we encourage exhibitors & competitors to utilize the discounted rates offered through the provided links/promo codes by the American Royal's **Preferred Hotel Partners** listed below & on our website (www.americanroyal.com).

Hotel	Address & Phone	Discounted Rates	Links/Promo Codes
Hampton Inn & Suites – Country Club Plaza	4600 Summit Street Kansas City, MO 64112 816-448-4600	$145 per night for a Standard Room $185 per night for a Suite	USE THIS LINK FOR DISCOUNTED RATES: **https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/rooms/?ctyhocn=MKCHSHX&arrivalDate=2026-04-26&departureDate=2026-04-27&room1NumAdults=1**
Hilton Garden Inn Kansas City/KS	520 Minnesota Ave Kansas City, KS 64101 913-342-7950	18% off best available rate	USE THIS CODE FOR DISCOUNTED RATES: American Royal
Kansas City Marriott Downtown	200 W. 12th Street Kansas City, MO 64105 816-421-6800		USE PROMO CODE FOR DISCOUNTED RATES: 0A9
Margaritaville Hotel Kansas City	1491 North 98th Terrace Kansas City, KS 66111 913-340-1800	Special Royal Rate: $179 Code = ROYAL	Book here.

To Help You Plan Your Stay

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2026 American Royal Animal Health Requirements

Health Requirements for All Exhibitors: The American Royal Animal Health Requirements may be stricter than those required by the Missouri Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Health. In order to exhibit at the American Royal, you must adhere to the following requirements. **Please note:** Health Requirements are subject to change; the following requirements are posted as of June 1, 2026.

All animals exhibited must have a current health certificate/certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) issued within thirty (30) days before the show. The certificate must be issued from the state of origin by a licensed accredited veterinarian. The animals must have individual identification stating that each animal has been examined and/or are free of infectious, contagious, & communicable disease.

The following must be used as the official identification number:
Swine: Federal 840 tag number (Ear notches will be used as a secondary form of identification).
Steers: Federal 840 tag number
Lambs: USDA Scrapie ID
Goats: USDA Scrapie ID
Breeding Cattle: Registration tattoo with papers or official ID tag (Federal 840 Tag preferred).

Official veterinarians will maintain an office in the American Royal building. All livestock entering the show will be subject to examination by a show and/or State Veterinarian upon arrival to and/or during the show. Any animal, of any species, showing evidence of infectious, contagious, and/or communicable disease will be immediately withdrawn from the show, removed from the grounds, and/or held in quarantine at owner's risk and expense. These animals must remain in the quarantine area while on the grounds. Failure to cooperate with any precautions seen fit by the American Royal staff and/or show/State veterinarians may result in disqualification. There will be no refunds of any entry fees for animals withdrawn from the show.

Health Inspections for All Exhibitors: Upon arrival, animals will be briefly examined in their trailers. Please have health papers available for this inspection. Designated inspection locations for each type of livestock are listed below:

- Swine:
  - The designated location for complete swine health checks will be under the viaduct South of Governor's Exposition Building. Upon approval of State Veterinarians, swine will be allowed to unload and stall.
- Lambs & Goats:
  - After unloading on the East side of Lower Exhibition Hall, a complete health check will be conducted at the top of the ramp in Upper Exhibition Hall. Upon the approval from the State Veterinarians, lambs & goats should proceed to stalling.
- Cattle:
  - All cattle will be inspected at the vehicle entry gate and then will be allowed to unload. Cattle ultimately must be individually viewed by State Veterinarians in their stalls. It is the responsibility of all livestock exhibitors to have their health papers checked by the State Veterinarians. Papers must be checked before animals will be allowed to show.

The American Royal Management reserves the right to change and/or modify vet check procedures as necessary.

Health Requirements for Out of State Exhibitors: If a permit is necessary for your animals to enter the State of Missouri, an accredited veterinarian needs to request the permit from the Missouri Department of Agriculture (573)751- 3377, not more than **15 days prior to arrival** at the American Royal Complex. Consult your veterinarian for interpretation of the

requirements outlined on the next page. **All animals moving interstate for exhibition must have official individual identification on a health certificate.**

Cattle

Brucellosis:

a) Breeding cattle from Brucellosis-free states may enter without a Brucellosis test.
b) All breeding cattle, 18 months of age and over, from Brucellosis Class A states must be tested and negative within 30 days of the show.
c) Herds that are certified for Brucellosis may enter on their herd number. The herd number and test date must be recorded on the health certificate.

Steers: All steers must be individually identified on a current health certificate which states they are free from warts and ringworm as well as infectious, contagious, and communicable disease. No Brucellosis test needed.

Tuberculosis:

All breeding cattle, 6 months of age or over must meet one of the following requirements:

a) Originate from a Tuberculosis-free state
    - All Michigan origin animals must be tuberculosis tested prior to entry into Missouri. Animals originating from Michigan require an entry permit.
b) Originate from a Tuberculosis-accredited free herd. The herd number and current test date must be recorded on the health certificate
c) Test negative within 60 days

Lambs & Goats

All lambs and goats must be individually identified and must have an official Scrapie ID that lists their flock of origin and individual number. If lambs or goats have had ringworm or fungus, lesions must have dried and healed. Any animal found to have open, draining wounds or active infectious diseases will be disqualified.

Swine

All swine must have an official Federal 840 tag. Ear notches will be used as a secondary form of verification. <u>All Out of State swine are required to have an entry permit.</u>

Brucellosis:

a) Breeding Swine from Brucellosis-free states may enter without a Brucellosis test.
b) Breeding Swine originating from Brucellosis stage 2 states must be negative within 60 days of the show.
c) Herds that are certified for Brucellosis may enter on their herd number. The herd number and test date must be recorded on the health certificate.

Pseudorabies:

a) Swine originating from a state classified as Stage V in the National Pseudorabies (PRV) Eradication Plan may exhibit without a Pseudorabies test.
b) All other swine must be tested negative within 60 days prior to show except swine from a qualified pseudorabies free herd. The qualified herd number and date of last qualifying test must be recorded on the health certificate.

Special Requirements for Consignment Sale Cattle

Regardless of origin, consigned sale cattle must meet Missouri Health Requirements. Individual health certificates are required for each animal or lot consigned to a sale held in conjunction with the American Royal. All non-virgin bulls and bulls older than 24 months must be tested negative for Trichomoniasis with an official Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

test by an approved diagnostic laboratory within 30 days of the sale. Sale managers shall arrange for veterinary services to issue health papers to new owners of consigned animals.

2026 American Royal Livestock Show *Tentative* Schedule

Thursday, October 8
8:00 p.m. Move-In: Watusi ONLY

Friday, October 9
12:00 p.m. Move-In: Watusi, American Aberdeen, Belted Galloway, Black Hereford, Braunvieh, Gelbvieh, Miniature Hereford, Salers, Speckle Park, Dorper & ABGA
4:00 p.m. ABGA check in

Saturday, October 10
8:00 a.m. Move-In: American Aberdeen, Belted Galloway, Black Hereford, Braunvieh, Gelbvieh, Miniature Herefords, & Salers
9:00 a.m. Watusi Open Show –
1:00 p.m. ABGA Open Show –
1:00 p.m. Dorper Junior Show -
3:00 p.m. Junior Heifer Showmanship –

Sunday, October 11
8:00 a.m. Belted Galloway Junior/Open Show-
8:00 a.m. American Aberdeen Junior/Open Show-
11:00 a.m. Miniature Hereford Junior Show/Open Show –
1:00 p.m. Black Hereford Junior Show/Open Show –
2:00 p.m. ABGA Junior Show –
2:00 p.m. Dorper Open Show -

Monday October 12
8:00 a.m. Salers Junior/Open Show–East Side
8:00 a.m Speckle Park Junior/Open - West Side
1:00 p.m. Gelbvieh Junior/Open Show – West Side
1:00 p.m. Braunvieh Junior/Open Show –

Tuesday October 13
12:00 p.m. Sheep & Goat (VIP Trailer Arrival)
2:00 p.m. Sheep & Goat (Arrival till 10:00 p.m.)
5:00 p.m. Swine (VIP Trailer arrival)

Wednesday, October 14
7:00 a.m. Market lambs and Wether Dam Ewes Move-In, Vet Check & Showmanship check in
(All Market Lambs and Wether Dam Ewes must be on the grounds by 4:00 p.m.)
7:00 a.m. Market Goats/Breeding Does Move-In, Vet Check , & Showmanship check in
(All Market Goats/Breeding Does must be on the grounds by 4:00 p.m.)
8:00 a.m. Market Barrow and Breeding Gilt Move-In and Vet Check
(All swine must be on the grounds by 10:00 p.m.)
4:00 p.m. Market Steer, Steer Momma (VIP Trailer Arrival)
6:00 p.m. Lamb/Goat Exhibitor meeting **(Bleachers)**
6:00 p.m. Market Steers, Steer Momma Move-In
7:00 p.m. Sullivan's Supply Lamb and Goat Fitting Contest
8:00 p.m. Lamb/Goat Weight On-line Submission **(Weight submitted by 8:00 p.m.)**

Thursday, October 15

8:00 a.m. Job Interview & Ag Sales Contest –
8:00 a.m. Market Barrow Check-In followed by Breeding Gilt Check-In ***(All submissions due by 1:00 p.m.)*** –
10:00 a.m. **(All Market Steers, and Steer Mommas must be on the grounds by 10:00 a.m.)**
10:00 a.m. Market Steer Check-In ***(Weight submission due by noon)*** *Steer Momma check in after Market Steers* – Lower Ex
10:00 a.m. Lamb Showmanship –
12:00 p.m. Sullivan's Supply Cattle Clinic
1:00 p.m. Goat Showmanship –
3:00 p.m. Steer Showmanship –
4:00 p.m Sheep White Face Cross Check In –
5:00 p.m. Swine Showmanship–

Friday, October 16

8:00 a.m. Market Barrow Show (Pedigreed followed by Crossbred) –
9:00 a.m. Market Lamb Show –
10:00 a.m. Market Goat Show –
11:00 a.m. Market Steer Show –
4:00 p.m. Breeding Gilt Show (Pedigreed followed by Crossbred) –
Team Purebred Breeds – Chester, Hereford/Tamworth, Poland, Spot
***Show will start 30 min following the conclusion of the barrow show but not before 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 17

7:30 a.m. Breeding Gilt Show Resumes - (NSR Breeds followed by Crossbred) –
If gilt show is not completed by 5:00 p.m. there will be a break for Royal Elite Drive
8:00 a.m. Wether Dam Ewe Lamb Show –
8:30 a.m. Wether Dam Doe Goat Show –
9:00 a.m. Steer Momma Show -
5:00 p.m. Royal Elite Drive –
7:00 p.m. Junior Premium Livestock Auction –
***Everything must be off the grounds by 7:00 a.m. Sunday morning! ***

Sunday, October 18

8:00 a.m. 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest –
6:00 p.m. 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Awards –

Monday, October 19

8:00 a.m. Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest –
7:00 p.m. Collegiate Livestock Judging Banquet –

Tuesday, October 20

4:00 p.m. Move-In: Angus, Charolais, Chianina, Hereford, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, Red Angus, Shorthorn, & Simmental

Wednesday, October 21

7:00 a.m. Move-In: Angus, Charolais, Chianina, Hereford, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, Shorthorn, Red Angus & Simmental
8:00 a.m. 4-H Meats Judging Banquet –
1:00 p.m. Cattle Demonstration Sponsored by Weaver Livestock –
3:00 p.m. Junior Heifer Showmanship –

Thursday, October 22

9:00 a.m. Shorthorn Junior Show –
9:00 a.m. Maine-Anjou Junior Show –

2:00 p.m. Red Angus Junior/Open Show –
2:00 p.m. Chianina Junior/Open Show–

Friday, October 23

8:00 a.m. Charolais Royal Breeders Bull Classic –
8:00 a.m. Maine-Anjou Open Show –
9:30 a.m. Shorthorn Open Show –
1:00 p.m. Angus Junior Heifer Show –
1:30 p.m. Royal Collection Charolais Sale –
2:00 p.m. Simmental Junior Heifer Show –
6:00 p.m. Ladies of the Royal –

Saturday, October 24

8:00 a.m. Angus ROV Show –
8:00 a.m. Charolais Junior Heifer Show followed by National Roll of Excellence Charolais Show –
2:00 p.m. Hereford Junior Heifer Show –
3:00 p.m. Limousin Junior/Open Show –

Sunday, October 25

8:00 a.m. National Hereford Show –
8:00 a.m. National SimGenetics Show –

30 minutes following completion of Hereford and Simmental Shows

Supreme Champion Jr. Heifer Drive
Supreme Champion Open Female Drive
Supreme Champion Bull Drive

2026 American Royal Breeding Cattle Judges

The American Royal Management reserves the right to cancel events or change judges

Open Breeding Cattle:

American Aberdeen	Cody Jensen
Angus	Chris Sankey
Belted Galloway	Jack Green
Black Hereford	Chris Sankey
Braunvieh	Kane Aegerter
Charolais	Dennis Serhienko
Chianina	Jason Farmer
Gelbvieh	Jeff Gooden
Hereford	John McCurry
Limousin	Jason Elmore
Maine-Anjou	Ty Webster
Miniature Hereford	Mason Allan
Red Angus	Matt Criddle
Salers	Jeff Gooden
Shorthorn	Garrett Knebel
Simmental	Miles Shout
Supreme	Christy Collins
Speckle Park	Mason Allan
Watusi	TBD

Junior Breeding Shows:

American Aberdeen	Jack Green
Angus	Kaylee Kerbs
Belted Galloway	Mason Allan
Black Hereford	Chris Mullinix
Braunvieh	Mason Allan
Charolais	Payton Dahmer
Chianina	Garret Lampe
Gelbvieh	Blake Nelson
Hereford	Bodee Schlipf
Limousin	Breck Debnam
Maine-Anjou	Mitchell Udell
Miniature Hereford	Jack Green
Red Angus	Danny Harker
Salers	Blake Nelson
Shorthorn	Chris Polzin
Simmental	Kurt Meyer
Supreme	Chris and Sharee Sankey
Speckle Park	Amy Cowan

Show & Entry Fees

Entry Deadline: September 10, 2026

Cattle

All cattle fees include a bedding cost for barns and tie-outs		
Junior Heifers	$ 95 per head	Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs
Open Shows	*Listed under each department	
Market Steers/Steer Momma	$ 95 per head	Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs

Market Animals

Market Barrows	$50 per head
Market Lambs (Wethers Only)	$50 per head
Market Goats (Wethers Only)	$50 per head

Breeding Gilts, Breeding Does, Wether Dam Ewes

Breeding Gilts	$50 per head
Breeding Does	$50 per head
Wether Dams	$50 per head

Grooming Chute Permit… $35.00

(Permit required for **EACH** cattle grooming chute. Space will not be guaranteed for grooming chutes.)

Fitting Stand Permit… $35.00

(Permit required for **EACH** lamb/goat fitting stand. Limit 1 per exhibitor. Space will not be guaranteed for fitting stands.)

Vehicle Pass… $30.00

Authorizes exhibitor to park in parking lot B. **Entry gates will be monitored at all times and there will be a $20.00 per entry charge without a pass**. Exhibitors will pick up credentials at time of arrival.

VIP Vehicle Pass… $150.00

Authorizes exhibitors to park 1 vehicle in parking lot A, located on the South side of the Livestock barns. VIP Parking will allow exhibitors to park closer to their livestock. No campers or trailers are allowed with this pass. **Entry gates will be monitored at all times.** There will be a limited quantity of VIP passes available for purchase.

Exhibitor Badge… $20.00

Authorizes admittance to the grounds of the American Royal Complex. Each exhibitor is required to purchase at least one badge on their entry form. *Please wear your exhibitor badge at all times and/or have it readily available.* **A $5.00 grounds admission will be charged upon arrival for each person, each time, each day without a badge.** Badges and vehicle passes may be ordered on entry forms and picked up upon arrival. Badges and passes will **NOT** be mailed. Badges and Parking passes may also be purchased at the American Royal Livestock Office.

All fees must be paid in U.S. funds.

2026 Changes & Reminders

Supreme Champion Bull Show

- Sunday October 26th, at the completion of the Simmental and Hereford Shows
- Each Breed Champion Bull is eligible to participate in the 1st ever Supreme Champion Bull of the American Royal
- Coveted Bronze Crown perpetual Trophy will be awarded
- More info in supreme bull section of premium book

Supreme Champion Open Female Show

- Sunday October 26th, at the completion of the Simmental and Hereford Shows
- Each Breed Champion Female is eligible to participate in the 1st ever Supreme Champion Open Female of the American Royal
- Coveted Bronze Crown perpetual Trophy will be awarded
- More info in supreme Open Female section of premium book

Entries

- New in 2026 – All cattle classes will be labeled as the following at the time of entries:
  - 1 Heifer
  - 2 Cow/Calf
  - 3 Bulls
- Classes will still be broken by age based on each breeds individual guidelines but exhibitors will NOT select that class during entries.

Market Exhibitors (Steers, Lambs, Goats, Barrows)

- All market exhibitors are required to complete a Quality Assurance program. Examples include: Youth for the Quality Care of Animals, Quality Counts, Beef Quality Assurance, Pork Quality Assurance, or other programs approved by the American Royal. The program name and certificate number will be required on all market entry forms. Exhibitors failing to submit this information will have entries returned as incomplete and will be charged the $10 re-processing fee.

Exhibitor Age Requirements

- All junior exhibitors showing a market animal, steer momma, wether dam ewe, or wether dam doe must be no younger than 7 years old and no older than 21 years old as of January 1st, 2026.
- Junior breeding heifer and purebred and crossbred breeding gilt exhibitors will follow their respective junior breed association age requirements.

Market Animal Weigh back

- Market goats will receive a 5 lb. tolerance from declared weight.
- Market lambs will receive a 7 lb. tolerance from declared weight.
- Market barrows and breeding gilts will receive a 15 lb. tolerance from declared weight.

Steers

- Federal 840 ID tags are the official identification for steers. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Steer Momma Classic

- The Steer Momma class is a breeding heifer class, specifically for heifers that, based on their genetics, muscling, and phenotype, are designed to produce show steers. Steer Momma's may be registered or commercial, however, registration papers are not required. Please see more detailed information in specie section.

Swine

- Federal 840 ID tags will be used as the official identification for swine. Ear notches will ***only*** be utilized as a secondary form of identification.
- Market barrows weight range will be from minimum 230 lb. to 300 lb. maximum
- Purebred/Crossbred divisions will be broken into classes based on weight at the discretion of the superintendent.

Market Lambs – Wether Dam Ewes

- Whiteface Influenced Division – please see more detailed information in the specie section.

Junior Premium Livestock Auction

- Market Lambs- Division Champions and Reserve Division Champions **must sell** in the Junior Premium Livestock Auction. Please see more detailed information under each species.
- Market Goats – All Division and Reserve Division Champions must **sell** in the Junior Premium Livestock Auction. Please see more detailed information under each species.
- All market animal exhibitors that qualify for the Junior Premium Livestock Auction will be required to complete an Animal Husbandry Form, which can be found at www.americanroyal.com. **All medications, vaccinations, injections, medical treatments and any foreign substances administered, in any form or manner, from the ownership deadline (August 15, 2026) through Junior Premium Livestock Auction must be recorded**. The American Royal strongly advises all exhibitors to maintain this form from time of ownership and bring with them to the American Royal to ensure accuracy in record keeping.
- The Junior Premium Livestock Auction is a **terminal auction**.

Showmanship (Based on age of exhibitor as of January 1, 2026)

- The age divisions for Lamb, Goat, Barrow, Steer Momma, & Steer exhibitors are:
  - Junior — 7-12 years old
  - Intermediate — 13-16 years old
  - Senior — 17 years & older
- The following species/breeds will be allowed to show in a **Peewee division** (6 years & younger):

Purebred Breeding Gilt Exhibitors
Crossbred Breeding Gilt Exhibitors
Mini Hereford Junior Exhibitors
Limousin Junior Heifer Exhibitors
Red Angus Junior Heifer Exhibitors
Maine-Anjou Junior Heifer Exhibitors
Salers Junior Heifer Exhibitors

See Rules and Regulations for more detailed information on these changes/reminders.

Force Majeure and Government Regulation

In view of the fact that the American Royal is a non-profit association depending to a great degree upon the contribution and services of a substantial number of donors and volunteers, as well as the benefit provided by the American Royal to the general public through education and related services, the American Royal deems it appropriate and prudent to be excused from liability as set forth below in this paragraph. In the event of any cancellation of its events, operations, and activities by reason of force majeure and/or governmental action. Accordingly, the following shall apply to the operations and activities conducted by the American Royal Association:

Force Majeure: The American Royal Association is not liable for any delay or failure to perform its operations, activities, shows, and/or events to the extent such delay or failure results in a force majeure occurrence. A force majeure occurrence is defined as any occurrence arising from causes beyond the reasonable control of the American Royal Association that delays or prevents performance by the American Royal Association otherwise required by this agreement, including but not limited to: any

1. breakage or accident to equipment, machinery, or facilities;
2. any strikes, lock-outs, or other labor difficulties;
3. statutes, ordinances, regulations, orders, or rules issued by governmental authorities;
4. judicial decrees or orders;
5. acts of God;
6. animal diseases and/or quarantines;
7. wars, riots, or insurrections;
8. civil disobediences, public demonstrations, or sabotage;
9. fires, floods, explosions, or inclement weather;
10. inability to obtain necessary labor, materials, supplies, utilities, or transportation;
11. depressions, recessions, or other economic downturns;
12. embargoes or energy shortages; or
13. other causes beyond the American Royal Association's reasonable control.

Governmental Action: The American Royal Association shall not be liable for any delay or failure to perform its operations, activities, shows, and events to the extent such delay or failure results from the American Royal Association's good faith compliance with applicable governmental statues, ordinances, regulations, orders, rules, or other directives, including but not limited to compliance with governmental directives concerning public health and safety, animal disease prevention, detection and response, including animal quarantine and/or destruction; and protection of the environment.

Homeland Security Systems Warning Statement: Evacuation of Livestock/Equine: During such times as deemed necessary by local, state, or federal authorities, the American Royal Association and/or its officials may temporarily or permanently evacuate the American Royal Complex under the authority of the Homeland Security Act. Incidents such as, but not limited to, bomb threats, acts of war, declarations of war, code red of the Homeland Security System, etc. will be acted upon in accordance and cooperating with local, state, and federal authorities. Priority evacuation will be given to human life then livestock and/or equine. In such cases, exhibitors and/or contestant will turn over the care of their livestock or equine to the American Royal Association. Proper animal husbandry practices will be followed within reasonable expectations. At which time the evacuation notice is lifted, exhibitors/contestant will be allowed to reenter the American Royal Complex and claim their livestock or equine.

By making entry into the American Royal, you authorize the American Royal Association and its officials to detain your livestock/equine on these premises. Furthermore, you agree to hold harmless and without liability the American Royal Association, its officials, directors, officers, staff, and volunteers for those animals under the reasonable care of the show.

Fire Department Regulations: The following requirements are by order of the Kansas City, Missouri Fire Department. Livestock and Horse exhibitors must comply with requirements applicable to them.

1. All exhibitors providing a lounge in their stall area and using wood chips on the floor shall post "No Smoking by order of the Fire Marshall" signs.
2. All wood chips used in stall areas shall be kept back at least five (5) feet from main aisles and kept wet at all times.
3. All material used for decorations of stall and lounge shall be fire retardant.

4. Any extension cord wiring must be the heavy duty type installed in a neat manner.
5. Fire hoses are not to be used for watering livestock.
6. Fire lanes around and within the buildings are not to be infringed upon.
7. Exit doors are to be left clear and accessible for emergency use.

Additional Information

Entry Deadline: September 10th, 2026

Livestock Department: (816) 569- 4054

Livestock@americanroyal.com

Amending Rules: The management reserves the right to interpret and amend all rules .

Camper Parking: There will be no camper or mobile home parking on the grounds of the American Royal. Camping space is reserved for vendors only.

Event Cancellation: In case of cancellation of the event or unavailability of the event due to war, governmental action or order, act of God, fire, strike, labor disputes, or any other cause beyond the American Royal's control, this Agreement shall terminate, and the exhibitor shall be entitled to the return of the fees for the event, less the prorated share allocated to the American Royal of the expenses incurred by the Royal in connection with the event. Refund of the Fees as provided in this section shall be the exclusive remedy of the exhibitor against the American Royal in case the event is canceled or rescheduled through war, governmental action or order, acts of God, fire, strike, labor disputes, or any other cause beyond the American Royal of and from all claims for damage and agrees that the American Royal shall have no obligation except the above stated refund. Requests for refunds must be submitted to the American Royal and are subject to the discretion of the American Royal. Refunds will not be issued for events that are less than 7 days away. A roll over of funds for future events is not allowed.

Feed and Bedding: Feed/Bedding may be purchased from the Feed Room. Orders must be placed by 4:00 p.m. daily. Terms are cash or credit card. All feed bills MUST be paid in full before orders will be delivered.

All cattle ties in the barn and in the tie-out area will be bedded with material provided by the American Royal.
Additional bedding may be purchased from the Feed Room and/or exhibitors may bring their own.

Swine, lamb, and goat exhibitors may purchase bedding from the Feed Room or may bring their own. Hogs must use shavings. Lamb and goats may use shavings or carpeting.

Feed Room Hours*

October 10th- 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
October 11th- 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
October 12th- 13th- 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
October 15th- 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
October 16th- 19th- 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
October 22nd - 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
October 23rd – 27th 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Times subject to change.

Liability: The American Royal Association, Inc., and its committees, officers, employees, agents, and representatives are not responsible or liable for any injury, loss, or damage sustained in any way by any exhibitor, employee or independent contractor of an exhibitor, spectator, or any other person or persons. The Association is likewise not responsible or liable for damage or injury to any article or animal, or the destruction, injury, or disappearance of such article or animal. Each exhibitor is solely responsible and liable for any loss, injury, or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from any article or animal. Exhibitors agree to protect and indemnify the Association against all claims, legal, or other proceedings and all incidental or related expenses, losses, or damages, as well as damage or injury to any person or property, caused by the exhibitor or his/her employees, independent contractors, or any article or animal.

Health and Safety: Exhibitors and family members are asked to follow all health and safety guidelines. By participating or attending the American Royal, you are acknowledging that an inherent risk of exposure to contagious illnesses exists in any public place where people are present. By attending the American Royal, you and any guests voluntarily assume all risks and agree to not hold the American Royal Association, City of Kansas City, Missouri, County of Jackson; or any of their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, or volunteers liable for any illness or injury.

Registry of Breeding Animals: All animals in breeding classes must be recorded in the recognized books of record for their respective breeds. Exhibitors must produce a Certificate of Registry at the request of the management any time during the show. Only books of record recognized by the United States Department of Agriculture will be accepted.

Official registered name and registration number of all animals entered in the breeding classes are to be given on the entry form. Erroneous entries may result in disqualification. Animals registered to more than one breed may only be entered in one breed show.

Exhibitors showing in the wether dam doe show or wether dam ewe show will not be required to show registration papers but will be required to submit DNA.

Video Surveillance: Premises used by the American Royal are subject to video surveillance.

Rules and Regulations

Entering and Exhibiting

Please note that rules in specific departments may conflict with the Rules and Regulations section. If a conflict arises, the Show Management reserves the right to determine which rule will supersede.

Rule 1 Competition: Exhibitors are responsible for knowing and complying with all applicable rules and regulations. An exhibitor who violates any part of the rules may be subject to forfeiture of privileges and premiums and to such other penalty as the Executive Committee may order.

All entries and/or exhibitors disqualified may forfeit all premium monies, awards, and proceeds, including all Junior Premium Auction sale proceeds. Disqualified exhibitors as well as the owners and partial owners of disqualified entries ("disqualified individuals") may be subject to subsequent actions by the Executive Committee. These actions may include barring the disqualified individuals, their families, representatives, and/or agents from any further participation in the Livestock Show or entry to American Royal facilities.

Rule 2 Interpretation: The American Royal reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations used to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, or connected with, or incident to, the Show, and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. **The American Royal maintains the final and absolute discretion regarding the use or allocation of forfeited premiums or sale proceeds.**

Rule 3 Entry Information: The entry form will be available on the American Royal website www.americanroyal.com. Be sure to download all information applicable to the show(s) you plan to enter. Incomplete or erroneous entries, or entries that do not contain the correct fees, will be returned to the exhibitor for correction. All fees sent with the entries will be deposited and will not be returned with the entry. A fee of $10.00 will be charged to re-process a returned entry.

All applications for entry must be made on the current American Royal entry form and in accordance with the accompanying instructions. These forms, with all necessary signatures must be submitted online at www.americanroyal.com (Deadline: September 10th)

NO Paper Entries will be allowed! Please follow entry procedures through our website. 

NOTE: Registered animals must be entered in the name of the owner of record on the registration certificate. **Incomplete or erroneous entries, or entries that do not contain the correct fees, will not be processed and will be returned.** All entries should be done on the website through ShoWorks. All fees sent with an entry will be deposited and will not be returned with the entry. Corrected entries may be resubmitted. However, there will be no extensions given. Entries which are resubmitted must pay a $10.00 fee to re-process.

Rule 4 Entry Deadlines: Entries not received by **September 10th** will be considered incomplete without a late processing fee.

Late Processing Fees:
Entries received by **September 10th, 2026** ……. No late processing fee per exhibitor
Entries received between **September 11th – September 15th** ……. $75.00 late processing fee per exhibitor
Entries received after **September 15th** ……. please contact the American Royal Livestock Department regarding eligibility. A $250.00 super late processing fee per exhibitor will be required. 

Entries must be submitted online.
Rule 5 Stop Payment: Stop payments issued by exhibitors after entry deadline (September 10th, 2026) will be due and payable. Anyone with a balance due will not be eligible to enter future shows. **No refunds will be given in the event of disqualification of exhibitors and/or animals.**

Rule 6 Refunds: Requests for refunds must be submitted to the American Royal via email to Livestock@americanroyal.com and are subject to a $20 cancellation fee. Entry fees including bedding, vehicle pass, grooming chute, fitting stand, and exhibitor badge fees will not be refunded after deadline date (September 10th, 2026). There will be no refunds made on transactions under $10. The amount to be refunded may not be used as a credit toward a future event.

Rule 7 Ownership of Animals: All **market animals, crossbred gilts, pedigreed gilts, wether dam does, and wether dam ewes** entered for competition must have been owned solely by the junior exhibitor by **August 15th, 2026**. All **breeding heifers** must be owned solely by the exhibitor by **September 10th, 2026**.

Rule 7a DNA: The DNA Validation Envelope order form will be available on the American Royal website: www.americanroyal.com. **DNA kits may be purchased for $10.00 each from July 1st, 2026 – August 15th, 2026. DNA Kits may be purchased from August 16th-August 20th for $50.00 per envelope and must be sent priority mail with tracking. DNA Kits will be available August 21st – 26th for pick-up ONLY AT THE American Royal office for $50.00/envelope.** All envelopes will be species specific and color-coded. Be sure to download all information applicable to the DNA requirements. Incomplete DNA kits will be returned to the exhibitor for correction. A fee of $10.00 will be charged to re-process a returned DNA kit. ***By submitting DNA to the American Royal, each exhibitor is acknowledging that they can be disqualified for this year's show & for future shows should the DNA come back as a mismatch.***

An identification number (federal 840 tag number **and** ear notches for swine, federal 840 tag number for steers, and USDA scrapie ID for lambs/goats) must be included on the DNA sample envelope. Because scrapie tags can occasionally be lost, it is recommended that exhibitors also tattoo lambs and goats and record the tattoo number on the front of the DNA envelope.

DNA Validation Envelopes must be purchased online and complete DNA samples must be submitted through mail:
American Royal Livestock Show
1701 American Royal Court
Kansas City, MO 64102

DNA Envelope cost breakdown:
July 1st – August 15th - $10.00/envelope
August 16th – August 20th - $50.00/envelope (overnight shipping option only)
August 21st – August 25th - $50.00/envelope (Must Pick-up at American Royal Office)
DNA envelopes purchased after August 15th will still adhere to the $50.00 late processing fee per exhibitor And must be postmarked by August 25th to still be accepted.

Rule 7b DNA Late Processing Fee:
DNA postmarked by **August 15th, 2026** ……. No late processing fee
DNA postmarked between **August 16th-25th** ……. $50.00 late processing fee per exhibitor
DNA postmarked **August 25th or after**……. Not accepted

DNA validation samples submitted to the American Royal are the property of the American Royal. Exhibitors relinquish any claim to said samples.

Rule 7c Transfer of Ownership: Premium Auction buyers assume full ownership of their purchase at the "fall of the hammer". At this point, exhibitors are prohibited from collecting any samples or portions of the animal unless agreed upon in writing between the buyer and the seller.

The American Royal is neither liable nor responsible for any procedures or agreements undertaken or entered into between buyers and sellers.

Rule 8 Breeding Animal Ownership: For open show breeding animals, registry certificates of ownership or transfer must be produced, if required, showing the exhibitors to be the owner at the time of the show. In addition, individual breed association ownership requirements must be met.

For open and junior show breeding animals, animals registered in more than one breed registry may only be entered in one breed show. Animals showing in both junior and open shows must show in only one breed. In the junior show, heifers must have been owned and recorded in the name of the exhibitor by **September 10th, 2026**. Pedigreed gilts must be owned by the junior exhibitor by **August 15th, 2026**.

Rule 9 Firms and Partnerships: Firms and partnerships are only allowed to enter animals in the Open Shows. Firms entering animals for competition must be in existence at the time the entry is made. Affidavits of the date of creation of firms may be required by the management.

Rule 10 Assignment of Pens and Stalls: The assignment of stalls and pens for livestock and tack will be made by the Superintendents of each department.

Rule 11 Stall Area: Any exhibitor defacing stall areas or any property within the American Royal Complex with nails, screws, paint, or any other substance will be charged an amount sufficient to repair damage. Exhibitors are not allowed to sell merchandise in their stall area. Please contact Macy Evans at (816)231-9800 or email marketplace@americanroyal.com if you are interested in vendor space.

Rule 12 Electric Plug-In Adapters: If an exhibitor needs electricity, electric plug- in adapters will be provided.
Only one pigtail can be utilized for every two head of livestock. If this rule is not adhered to, show management has the right to reassign electric plug-in adapters.

Rule 13 Care of Animals: After having properly entered their animals, exhibitors must check-in with the superintendent of the appropriate departments. All owners of property or livestock, or others having same in charge, shall care for, guard, protect and preserve the same. The American Royal does not undertake to do so, and it shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage to said property or the owners thereof. The exhibitor is responsible for the complete security of their own animal until they depart the grounds to their next destination.

Rule 14 Entry Numbers: Each entry will be assigned a number that will correspond with a back number. All group entries are to be confirmed at the show when entries are checked.

Breeding cattle exhibitors will receive these numbers during check-in with their corresponding breed association. Entry numbers/back numbers must be displayed by the showman when the animal is in the show ring.

Market animal and breeding gilt, wether dam doe, and wether dam ewe exhibitors will receive entry numbers and must be displayed on the exhibitor while in the show ring.

Rule 15 Compliance: The American Royal, in cooperation with member shows of the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association Rule Infraction Database, reserves the right to refuse entry of anyone who has been banned from any other show.

Rule 15b Acceptance of Entries: In all cases the management reserves the right to accept or reject any entry entirely, partially, or conditionally or to dismiss any entry that would be a discredit to the show. The management may choose to inspect animals or choose to have someone inspect them on their behalf. Upon the recommendation after the review, any animal deemed unworthy or objectionable may be dismissed from the exhibition. ***Exhibitors found in violation of these rules can be added to the RID (Rule Infraction Database) list.***

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Rule 16 Exhibitor Age Requirements: All junior exhibitors showing a market animal, wether dam ewe, or wether dam doe must be no younger than 7 years old and no older than 21 years old as of January 1st, 2026. Junior breeding heifer and breeding gilt exhibitors will follow their respective junior breed association age requirements. All market animals of all species must follow ownership guidelines explained in DNA Validation Rules section. All junior market, junior breeding heifers, and breeding gilt exhibitors must obtain the signature of a parent or legal guardian on the entry form regardless of age. Any open show exhibitors under the age of 21 years old must obtain the signature of a parent or legal guardian on the entry form.

Rule 17 Phone Calls: All phone conversations with American Royal staff or volunteers are informative only and are not to be considered binding in any litigation or entry acceptance.

Rule 18 Animals on Grounds: All animals on the grounds must be entered and are expected to show in their respective division. Only animals officially entered will be allowed on the show grounds. No buddy or partner animals allowed.

Rule 19 Sale Animals: All live animals entered in any sale at the American Royal must be properly entered in the respective American Royal show. Sale management must send a complete list of owners/sale animals to the American Royal by **September 10, 2026**.

Rule 20 Substitutions: Any substitutions made, or attempted, in any breeding class through deceit may result in disqualification of all animals and parties involved. Said parties may be subject to subsequent actions by the American Royal.

Rule 20a Breeding Cattle Substitutions: The ability to substitute entries is available in the junior and open breeding cattle show. Substitutions may occur within the same breed only. Substitutions may be made only in the name of the original exhibitor/recorded owner as listed on the entry form and must be the same sex – bulls for bulls and females for females. Substitutions must be made with the current American Royal substitution form. **Forms received that do not include all required signatures & credit card number will not be accepted**. Exhibitors wishing to substitute after September 26th, must obtain the approval of the American Royal Livestock Office before the exhibitor/animal arrives on the grounds.

Breeding Cattle Substitution Fees:
Breeding Cattle Substitutions received by September 26th ……. $20.00 per head
Breeding Cattle Substitutions received after September 26th ……. $100.00 per head

Rule 21 Substitute Showman: Junior exhibitors, in all divisions, must be at the American Royal to show their own animals. A substitute showman will only be allowed for one of the following reasons:

- One exhibitor has two animals in the same class
- The owner/exhibitor's exhibition of one animal conflicts with another animal being exhibited in other species
- Death or other family crisis as approved by American Royal management
- Sickness or physical injury documented by a physician
- A pre-approved 4-H or FFA activity. No other school activity will qualify

Written approval for a substitute showman must be obtained from the Livestock Event Manager. When an exhibitor has more than one animal in the same class, one animal may be exhibited by another youth member without obtaining special permission.

Rule 23 Junior Market Auction:
The American Royal reserves the right to modify or cancel the Junior Premium Livestock Auction when necessary.
Junior market exhibitors with animals qualifying and selling in the Junior Premium Livestock Auction **MUST TAKE THEIR OWN ANIMAL THROUGH THE SALE RING**. Animals designated by the management to be sold in the auction must remain under the exhibitor's care and expense until sold. All participants in the auction warrant that:

(a) The carcass (es) of their animal(s) complies with the United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act and is fit for human consumption;

(b) The carcass(es) of their animal(s) contain(s) no trace or residue of any show enhancing drug or any other substance not approved for administration to such animal(s);

(c) The carcass (es) of their animal(s) reveals no evidence of any unethical fitting practices including but not limited to injection sites in marketable areas such as top, rounds, hips, etc.

(d) There exists no unusual circumstance that would materially diminish the value of such carcass (es). These warranties are absolute guarantees of the quality for the sale animal's carcass without regard to the exhibitor's actual responsibility or fault.

In addition to the terms above, all market animal exhibitors qualifying for the Junior Premium Livestock Auction are required to complete an Animal Husbandry form. **All medications, vaccinations, injections, medical treatments and any foreign substances administered, in any form or manner, from the ownership deadline (Tuesday, August 15, 2026) through the Junior Premium Livestock Auction must be recorded.** This form will be surrendered prior to the Junior Premium Livestock Auction. The American Royal strongly advises all exhibitors to maintain this form through ownership and bring with them to the American Royal to ensure accuracy in record keeping.

All exhibitors that sell an animal in the Junior Premium Livestock Auction will be required to write their buyer a personalized thank you before premiums will be sent. If an exhibitor does not complete a thank you, premiums will be withheld and participation in future years may be banned.

All market exhibitors are required to complete a Quality Assurance program. Examples include: Youth for the Quality Care of Animals, Quality Counts, Beef Quality Assurance, Pork Quality Assurance, etc. The program name and certificate number will be required on all market entry forms. Exhibitors failing to submit this information will have entries returned as incomplete. The American Royal reserves the right to verify if programming fits the requirements of the show and is acceptable.

All auction animals will be harvested at a processing facility designated by the American Royal management. Sale money may be withheld if the animal is found to have been tampered, altered, or if the carcass is condemned.

Exhibitors found in violation of these rules can be added to the RID (Rule Infraction Database) list.

Rule 23 Erroneous Entry: Exhibitors are responsible for their own errors and those of their agents in filling out entry forms. Animals that have been entered in a wrong class will be transferred to their proper class upon application to management who will determine the matter upon its merit. If such classes have been judged, they will not be reopened.

Rule 24 Fraudulent Ownership: Should any individual enter an animal in a name other than that of a bona fide owner or attempt to perpetrate a fraud by misrepresenting any fact, the entry shall not be allowed to compete for or receive any premiums.

Rule 25 Appearance of Exhibits: Exhibitors of livestock are required to keep the area occupied by them neat and attractive in appearance. The stalls, pens, and exhibition places must be cleaned before 8:00 a.m. each day of the show and all refuse disposed of as the Superintendent of the section may direct.

Rule 26 Grooming Chutes (Cattle): Exhibitors may use grooming chutes. Space will not be guaranteed for grooming chutes. A grooming chute permit is required and available for $35.00 per chute. Any exhibitor failing to have a grooming chute permit clearly visible will be subject to having chute removed from grounds. Chutes must be kept with exhibitors' cattle and cannot be placed in aisles, cleanout alleys, or fire lanes. Any exhibitor that does not comply promptly if requested by the management to remove the grooming chute is subject to disciplinary action including forfeiture of premiums.

Rule 27 Fitting Stands (Sheep/Goats): Exhibitors may use fitting stands. Space will not be guaranteed for fitting stands and stands must be kept in Upper Exhibition Hall. If space is available, only one fitting stand per exhibitor will be allowed. A fitting stand permit is required and available for $35.00 per stand. Any exhibitor failing to have a fitting stand permit clearly visible will be subject to having the fitting stand removed from grounds. Any exhibitor that does not comply promptly if requested by the management to remove stand is subject to disciplinary action including forfeiture of premiums.

Rule 28 Dogs: Dogs must be always under control of the owner and may be restricted in certain areas. Management reserves the right to ask for removal of dogs.

Rule 29 Judging Contests: An exhibitor, by virtue of his/her entry and presence at the show, is expected to allow his/her animal(s) to be used in 4-H, FFA, or collegiate judging contests.

Rule 30 Signage and Decorations: There is no signage allowed outside your assigned exhibitor space. Decorations, signs, posters, etc., may not be taped, nailed, tacked, or otherwise fastened to ceilings, painted surfaces, columns, glass doors, marble, fabric, walls, etc. Approved tape 3M 9589 (double side adhesive), 3M 471 (single side adhesive) and Gaffers tapes are the only approved products for booth markings and carpet applications within the facility. Applied tapes and any residue must be removed from all surfaces prior to move-out. Paint, shoe polish and unapproved tapes are not allowed to be used in the facility. No drilling of the structure is allowed. Any means of attachment must be non-destructive to the structure. Helium balloons are not allowed inside the facility. Glitter and adhesive-backed decals are not permitted in the facility or on the premises. The American Royal reserves the right to assess competitors for reasonable repair costs resulting from the use of unauthorized signage or decorations.

Rule 31 Refusal to Parade: Shows and parades of livestock are an important educational feature of the American Royal. Notice of time and place of parades will be announced by superintendents. Exhibitors refusing to exhibit their animal when called by the superintendent may forfeit all prizes previously won and may be barred from further participation in the Show and required to remove their stock from the Show grounds immediately. Additional penalties may be imposed. Refusal to parade for reasons that meet the approval of the management are excused.

Rule 32 Photographs: Exhibitors of all Champion or Reserve Champion winners must make their animals available for taking of official photographs. Upon request of the American Royal Livestock Show, exhibitors shall make any other animals exhibited available for photographs. Photographs of any animals or exhibitors taken at the show may be used for promotion of the American Royal without compensation to the exhibitor. All such photographs are to become the

property of the American Royal Livestock Show, but exhibitors and other interested parties may order prints from the Official Photographer at their expense.

Only photographers displaying the badge of "Official Photographer" are authorized to take livestock photographs for sale on the show grounds.

Official Photographer: Next Level Images

Official Livestock Videographer: Walton Webcasting

Rule 32a Media Purposes: By participating in an American Royal event, you consent to your voice, name, and/or likeness being used, without compensation, in any and all media or any other purposes by the American Royal Association, its affiliates and representatives. You hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge the American Royal Association from all claims and demands related to the use of these images. If you do not wish to appear in images, please speak with the American Royal communications department prior to the event.

Rule 33 Tie-Outs: NO TYING OUT OF CATTLE IS PERMITTED UNTIL 5:30 PM EACH DAY. Temporary tie-outs are available at no charge on first-come basis. Since most cattle will be on the grounds at the same time, please be considerate of fellow exhibitors and only use the tie-out space needed. The American Royal does not guarantee tie-out space and is not liable for security, accidents, or loss of animals or articles in the tie-out area. Cattle tie-outs are temporary panels and, as such, may not be substantial enough to contain some animals. Exhibitors who elect to tie-out at night do so at their own risk and are responsible for the security of their own animals. **No tents are allowed in tie-outs.**

Rule 34 Arrival and Release of Livestock: Arrival and release times are determined by the management in an effort to make the best use of available space and to provide the best possible show for all in attendance. **Exhibitors are expected to keep their livestock on display until the designated time for release unless permission for early release is granted by the Livestock Event Manager.** Failure to comply with this rule may result in forfeiture of premiums. The stated release time should be considered when a decision to enter is made. If necessary, to allow time for cleanup, exhibitors are expected to remove animals and tack from tie and pen space promptly after release time if asked by management to do so.

Rule 34a Reception of Livestock: An earliest arrival time will be stated for all departments. Livestock coming from other shows with overlapping dates must be granted a late arrival when arranged in advance by emailing the Livestock Event Manager: Livestock@americanroyal.com.

Rule 34b Removal of Exhibits: Release times are listed under Department Headings. All first week animals, tack, and equipment must be removed from the American Royal barns by 7:00 p.m. Monday, October 14th, 2026. All second week Market Steers, Steer Momma's, Market Hogs, Breeding Gilts, Lambs, and Goats along with their tack, and equipment must be removed from the American Royal barns by 11:59 p.m., Saturday, October 19, 2026. All third week animals, tack, and equipment must be removed from the American Royal barns by 11:59 p.m., Sunday, October 27, 2026. **Exhibitors must enter through South Gate A (Livestock Gate) to load and unload. No trailers will be allowed through the gate on Wyoming Street.**

Rule 35 Judges: Judges are requested to be familiar with the rules and regulations of this show, and to especially note those rules bearing on the classes they will judge. Due to unforeseen circumstances substitute judges may be made without notification.

Rule 36 Time of Judging: Judging times can be found in the tentative schedule of events. Exhibitors should ascertain at what time the exhibits entered will be judged. Any exhibit not presented promptly at the scheduled time will be barred

from competition in the class called. No complaint or protest on the grounds that the judges overlooked exhibits will be considered.

Due to unforeseeable problems with any mechanical devices, the PA system and class calls over that system must be considered a courtesy. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to have his/her animal in the ring at the time of judging.

Rule 37 Conduct of Exhibitors: If an exhibitor, in any way, whether in person or by agent, employee, or independent contractor, interferes with a judge during the exposition or demonstrates disrespect to the judge or the show, the management may exclude such exhibitor from competition and may also withhold from such exhibitor any premiums. While in the show ring, exhibitors are required to be neatly and appropriately dressed when exhibiting livestock.

All exhibitors, parents, agents, employees, and independent contractors are expected to conduct themselves in proper fashion. Any disorderly conduct, theft, loud, profane language, or disturbances of any nature may be cause for disqualification from all American Royal events and shows and banishment from the premises. ***Exhibitors found in violation of these rules can be added to the RID (Rule Infraction Database) list.***

Rule 38 Alcohol: Outside alcohol is prohibited at all times within the American Royal Complex per City lease agreement.

Rule 39 Legal Drinking Age: In Missouri, the legal drinking age is 21. In accordance with this law anyone under 21, in possession of or consuming alcoholic beverages on the American Royal grounds may be reported to the authorities and may be disqualified from all American Royal events, shows, and sales.

Rule 40 Decision of the Judge is Final: The decision of the judge is final in all cases, except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, not discovered at the time of the award, is proven. In such case, the management or such referee as may be appointed may make the decision; or at its discretion, the case may be appealed to the Executive Committee, from whose decision there can be no appeal.

Rule 41 Code of Ethics: To maintain a high degree of integrity, the American Royal Livestock Show Management reserves the right to disqualify any animals they believe have been fitted in an unethical fashion.

Every exhibitor in consideration of his/her entry being accepted by the American Royal, specifically represents that the exhibitor's animal's natural conformation and structure has not been altered in any way. This alteration is also known as "unethical fitting".

Unethical fitting includes but is not limited to: injection of gas, air, oil, or other foreign substances; cutting/tearing of the hide/underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the physical appearance of the animal; numbing or "deadening" an animal's tail; cutting tendons of an animal; using foreign substances to build or cosmetically re-shape feet; as well as "twining" which includes the attachment of hair or hair substances (i.e. baling twine, cloth, fiber, etc.).

Any animal found to have surgical alterations other than dehorning, castration, or docking may be disqualified. Unethical fitting also includes attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development. The act of artificially filling animals internally, which includes stomach pumping, drench tubes, or any other method *per os* (by esophagus) is prohibited for all species.

No injections sites (including sites from acupuncture treatments) may be found in marketable areas such as top, rounds, hips, etc.

The administration of any drug prohibited by Federal, State, or Local law or any drug used in a manner prohibited by Federal, State, or Local law is prohibited. Any entry or substitution made, or attempted, in any breeding or market class through deceit may result in disqualification of all animals and parties involved. Said parties may be subject to

subsequent actions by the American Royal. In such cases where unethical fitting, fraud, or misrepresentation appears to have been attempted, the American Royal may appoint veterinarian, official, or committee members to inspect the entry. The American Royal will follow a course of action based upon the findings and conclusions of the examining veterinarian, official, or committee. ***Any exhibitor that is disqualified for any infraction of the rules or code of ethics violations will forfeit all premiums and proceeds. Exhibitors in violation can also be added to the RID (Rules Infraction Database) list.***

Every exhibitor releases the American Royal Association and/or its officers and show officials from all claims or demands arising from subsequent action taken by the American Royal.

Rule 42 Quality Assurance: All market exhibitors are required to complete a Quality Assurance program. Examples include: Youth for the Quality Care of Animals, Quality Counts, Beef Quality Assurance, Pork Quality Assurance, etc. The program name and certificate number will be required on all market entry forms. Exhibitors failing to submit this information will have entries returned as incomplete. The American Royal reserves the right to verify if programming fits the requirements of the show and is acceptable.

All market animal exhibitors qualifying for the Junior Premium Livestock Auction will be required to complete an Animal Husbandry form. **All medications, vaccinations, injections, medical treatments, and any foreign substances administered, in any form or manner, from the ownership deadline (August 15, 2026) through the Junior Premium Livestock Auction must be recorded.** This form will be surrendered prior to the Junior Premium Livestock Auction. The American Royal strongly advises all exhibitors to maintain this form beginning with ownership and bring with them to the American Royal to ensure accuracy in record keeping. The carcass of the exhibitor's animal shall reveal no evidence of any unethical fitting practices including but not limited to injection sites in marketable areas such as top, rounds, hips, etc.

Rule 43 Drug and Chemical Residue Testing: The American Royal reserves the right to conduct fluid tests, which may include blood and/or urine, and/or tissue tests and/or hair on any animal entered for competition. An exhibitor of an animal producing a positive test result for any unapproved medication or chemical residue may be disqualified and barred from future competition at the American Royal. Any exhibitor whose market animal tests positive for any type of performance enhancing medications, drug, chemical, or substance, including but not limited to steroids, diuretics, anti-inflammatories, tranquilizers, pain killers, or chemical residues may NOT receive payment for that animal and agrees to accept any and all consequences without recourse against the American Royal. ***Exhibitors found in violation of these rules can be added to the RID (Rule Infraction Database) list.***

Rule 43a Ractopamine: According to the Food and Drug Administration, Ractopamine remains an approved feed additive for hogs that are harvested under the USDA. At this time, the American Royal will not test for Ractopamine in market barrows. However, all exhibitors that choose to use Ractopamine will be expected to follow all label instructions.

Rule 44 Animals Disqualified: If an animal awarded a prize is disqualified, lower placing animals will NOT move into higher placing positions.

Rule 45 Paying Awards: Premium money will be mailed to exhibitors and can be expected by January 31, 2026. The American Royal is not responsible for payment of special awards offered by breed associations or individuals. Judges' Books will be used as the only evidence for payment of premiums. Ribbons are not accepted.

The management reserves the right to withhold premiums awarded in any case in which it appears that the rules have not been complied with, or that fraud or deception has been practiced or attempted.

All sale proceeds of the Junior Premium Livestock Auction will be withheld if, after slaughter, the animal is found to have been tampered with or altered or if the carcass is condemned.

Premium monies and/or sale proceeds in any division may be held by the American Royal indefinitely pending drug and other testing or any ongoing investigation or legal action. Funds may be released when all matters are closed.

Rule 46 Scholarships: All scholarships are paid directly to the exhibitor upon proof of enrollment in an institution of higher learning, which may include technical school, community or junior college, university, and graduate or professional school. If the exhibitor chooses not to attend or is unable to attend an institution of higher learning, they must submit a letter to explain the extenuating circumstances.

Scholarships will be paid out to recipients once they have graduated high school. If scholarship funds are not claimed by 25, they will be forfeited to the American Royal Association.

Rule 47 Personal Golf Carts/Scooters: No personal golf carts, gators, or scooters are allowed on the American Royal grounds.

Rule 48 Vendors: If you wish to sell goods or services at the American Royal, you must register as a vendor. Anyone found selling items without the permission of the American Royal or outside of their designated vendor space may be fined an amount two times the cost of a standard booth space and asked to leave the property. For more information on becoming a vendor, please contact Sammy Basler at 816-231-9800 or marketplace@americanroyal.com.

Rule 49 Protests: Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigations. A decision regarding the results of a protest may be withheld until a thorough investigation is completed.

The management will not consider any protests relating to the competence of any judge or the allegation that a judge overlooked an animal. All protests must be in writing, signed, and accompanied by a deposit of $500.00 cash or certified check, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. All expenses of proof must be paid by the protesting party. These expenses will not be refunded, regardless of the outcome of the protest. Protests must plainly state the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Livestock Manager within one hour of the occurrence of the incident from which the protest arises. The American Royal will consider protests as speedily as possible and their decision in the matter shall be final.

Rule 50 Liability: The American Royal Association, Inc., and its committees, officers, employees, agents, and representatives are not responsible or liable for any injury, loss, or damage sustained in any way by any exhibitor, employee or independent contractor of an exhibitor, spectator, or any other person or person. The Association is likewise not responsible or liable for damage or injury to any article or animal, or the destruction, injury, or disappearance of such article or animal. Each exhibitor is solely responsible and liable for any loss, injury, or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from any article or animal. Exhibitors agree to protect and indemnify the Association against all claims, legal, or other proceedings and all incidental or related expenses, losses, or damages, as well as damage or injury to any person or property, caused by the exhibitor or his/her employees, independent contractors, or any article or animal.

Rule 51 Health and Safety: Exhibitors and family members are asked to follow all health and safety guidelines. By participating or attending the American Royal, you are acknowledging that an inherent risk of exposure to contagious illnesses exists in any public place where people are present. By attending the American Royal, you and any guests voluntarily assume all risks and agree to not hold the American Royal Association, City of Kansas City, Missouri, County of Jackson; or any of their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, or volunteers liable for any illness or injury.

Rule 52 Weapons: All weapons, concealed or otherwise, are prohibited on the American Royal Complex.

JABGA Show

1. Exhibitors must be 21 years old or under on January 1 of the current year, and be an active member of the Junior American Boer Goat Association or American Boer Goat Association. Exhibitors must present a current ABGA/ JABGA membership card at check-in. Copies or digital copies of cards are acceptable.

2. If the child is present and physically able, they must show their own animal unless they have multiple entries in one class; then they must have another JABGA member to show the animal for them. If not enough JABGA members are present, any youth 21 and under as of January 1 of current year may fill in.

3. If the child is physically unable or not present due to specific circumstances approved by Youth Committee or involving death in the family, family emergencies, or religious reasons, they must have a JABGA member show for them, and it must be reported to the ABGA Youth Coordinator before the goats arrive at the show.

4. JABGA members are allowed to have a heeler in the class and may independently lead and/or hold the animal. The heeler is not allowed to touch legs or assist in leg placement. The heeler must be a current JABGA member. JABGA members with physical or mental disabilities are allowed a heeler and reasonable accommodation can be provided. Documentation needs to be provided to the Youth Coordinator (and in absence of the Youth Coordinator, the ABGA Board President), at least 72 hours prior to the show.

5. All goats must be registered in the JABGA member's name only. No ranch or family name can be listed in the owner section of the certificate. Any goat that is transferred to a Junior exhibitors name for showing at a JABGA Sanction show cannot be transferred back to the seller and/or seller's agent for a period of 1 year.

6. Showmanship is not required but highly recommended. ABGA will not provide ribbons or awards. The following age breaks are suggested for sanctioned shows. Age for showmanship for regular sanction shows is determined on the day of the show.

a) Novice Division: 4-7 years of age
b) Junior Division: 8-12 years of age
c) Intermediate: 13-16 years of age
d) Senior Division: 17-21 years of age

7. Exhibitors entering showmanship must use a goat that is registered in his/her name and entered in the JABGA show.

8. If the JABGA member has a goat entered in the JABGA show, goats in sibling's/step- sibling's names may not be used for showmanship purposes.

9. Participants that do not have an animal entered any JABGA competition may borrow an animal for showmanship purposes only. That selected animal can only be used by one exhibitor during the competition and cannot be exhibited by multiple participants.

10. All show results received by the JABGA will be final.

11. All ABGA rules, breed standards, classes, judges, and entries apply.

12. Please note the new ABGA no Alcohol Policy.

13. All JABGA Sanctioned shows are required to have a BRED AND OWNED CLASS. One class each for the PERCENTAGE DOES, FULLBLOOD DOES AND FULLBLOOD BUCKS. All ages will compete in one class.

14. The JABGA reserves the right to not sanction and/or to not tabulate placing's for points submitted by a show or not yet submitted by a show that didn't follow the ABGA rules, breed standards, classes, judges, and entries.

15. The JABGA strongly suggest that JABGA members own and care for his/her own goats. Directors and members of the JABGA discourage unethical ownership and care.

16. Exhibitors and parents should always conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner. Infractions of this rule may cause immediate termination of membership by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

17. Judges for JABGA sanction shows are required to be an ABGA Approved Judge. Judge's names should be published thirty (30) days prior to the show.

18. Drug testing cannot be refused if the show deems necessary.

19. All JABGA and ABGA Sanction show rules must be followed. Responsibilities of Host Show.

Percentage Does:
Class 1. 0 to under 3 months
Class 2: 3 to under 6 months
Class 3: 6 to under 9 months
Class 4: 9 to under 12 months
Class 5: Junior Division Champion
Class 6: Junior Division Reserve Champion
Class 7: 12 to under 16 months
Class 8: 16 to under 20 months
Class 9: 20 to under 24 months
Class 10: Yearling Division Champion
Class 11: Yearling Division Reserve Champion
Class 12: 24 to under 36 months
Class 13: 36 months plus
Class 14: Senior Division Champion
Class 15: Senior Division Reserve Champion
Class 16: Grand Champion
Class 17: Reserve Grand Champion

Fullblood/Purebred Does:
Class 18: 0 to under 3 months
Class 19: 3 to under 6 months
Class 20: 6 to under 9 months
Class 21: 9 to under 12 months
Class 22: Junior Division Champion
Class 23: Junior Division Reserve Champion
Class 24: 12 to under 16 months
Class 25: 16 to under 20 months
Class 26: 20 to under 24 months
Class 27: Yearling Division Champion
Class 28: Yearling Division Reserve Champion
Class 29: 24 to under 36 months
Class 30: 36 months plus
Class 31: Senior Division Champion
Class 32: Senior Division Reserve Champion
Class 33: Grand Champion
Class 34: Reserve Grand Champion

Fullblood/Purebred Bucks:
Class 35: 0 to under 3 months
Class 36: 3 to under 6 months
Class 37: 6 to under 9 months
Class 38: 9 to under 12 months
Class 39: Junior Division Champion
Class 40: Junior Division Reserve Champion
Class 41: 12 to under 16 months
Class 42: 16 to under 20 months
Class 43: 20 to under 24 months
Class 44: Yearling Division Champion
Class 45: Yearling Division Reserve Champion
Class 46: 24 to under 36 months
Class 47: 36 months plus
Class 48: Senior Division Champion
Class 49: Senior Division Reserve Champion
Class 50: Grand Champion
Class 51: Reserve Grand Champion

Open ABGA Show

A. Eligibility of Animals
    a. All goats must be registered in the ABGA herd book by the date specified by the show.
    b. All goats entered into ABGA sanctioned shows must be registered with the ABGA in orderto acquire Ennoblement points.
    c. Original registration certificates are required, except that a copy of a registration applicationstamped with the date received by ABGA, can be accepted for kids less than 3 months ofage. Animals over the age of 3 months must be verified as registered in the ABGA databaseat time of show. (6-2-2021)
    d. An animal that may be verified as registered in the web-based database of ABGA will beaccepted in lieu of registration certificate. Verification must be provided by the exhibitor ineither digital or print to the show secretary. JABGA ownership must be verified using thetransfer history on the animal pedigree if the certificate is not provided. (6-2-2021)
    e. All goats must be appropriately identified and comply with USDA Scrapie EradicationProgram Guidelines. Call 1-888-USDA TAG (873-2824) or visit the following website formore information: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_diseases/scrapie/
    f. ABGA prohibits the transfer of any goat exhibited in a JABGA sanctioned show back to theseller and/or seller's agent for a period of one year from date of purchase for all goats that arenot bred and owned by the JABGA exhibitor.
    g. Goats registered in a frozen or suspended account are ineligible to exhibit in an ABGASanctioned Show.
B. Show Focus
    a. The American Boer Goat Association will accept and permanently record all wins in Showsthat have been determined to have met all requirements (as stated below) for ABGAsanctioning.
    b. Failure to comply with ABGA Show Rules may result in the loss of sanctioning and funding,where applicable.
    c. ABGA requires that an ABGA Sanctioned Show Application be submitted to the ABGAoffice no less than 95 days prior to the show.
    d. No show will be sanctioned during the week of the ABGA National Show.
    e. No JABGA show will be sanctioned that occurs on a conflicting date and within 500 milesof a scheduled JABGA regional show. (7-20-2018)
C. Purpose The main focus of ABGA Sanctioned Shows is the genetic improvement of the Boer breed andpromotion of the goat industry
D. Entries
    a. Any show receiving ABGA sanctioning shall be open to **only** ABGA registered Boer goats.Show representatives may use their discretion and have the right to ban an individual if theyconsider it necessary for the good of the show.
    b. There should be no limit on the number of animals that can be entered in a class by anexhibitor, unless the sponsoring show deems this limit necessary.
    c. Any show limiting the number of entries in any way must state this in their rules.
    d. ABGA sanctioned shows may not require animals to sell in a sale as a condition ofparticipating in the show.
    e. When the animal is verified as registered in the ABGA database or a stamped registration
E. Ennobled Herd Book Points
    a. Only goats entered and verified as registered in the ABGA database will be eligible to earnpoints for their actual placing in the show, as described in the ABGA Criteria forEnnoblement of a Boer Goat. (See Rule 1000, Ennoblement Program) (6-2-2021)
    b. Points for ABGA Sanctioned Shows will be awarded based on the following schedule:

ABGA CLASS POINTS						
# Exhibited in Class	Placing in Class					
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
1 to 3	1					
4 to 5	2					
6 to 7	3					
8 to 9	4					
10	5					
11 to 25	10	5				
26 to 50	15	10	5			
51 to 100	20	15	10	5		
101 to 175	25	20	15	10	5	
176 or more	30	25	20	15	10	5

ABGA SANCTIONED SHOW DIVISION POINTS		
# Exhibited in Section	Division Champion	Division Reserve
1 to 25	3	1
26 to 50	5	2
51 or more	10	5

ABGA SANCTIONED SHOW OVERALL CHAMPIONT POINTS		
# Exhibited in Section	Overall Grand	Overall Reserve
1 to 10	5	2
11 to 25	10	5
26 to 50	15	10
51 to 100	20	15
101 to 175	25	20
176 or more	30	25

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Class 45: Yearling Division Reserve Champion
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REGIONAL DORPER/WHITE DORPER SHEEP SHOW

Superintendent – Karla Blackstock

Show Information

Special Rules

1. The judge has the responsibility of determining over-aged lambs. Winter and spring lambs are required to have their lamb's teeth.

2. All animals will be shown in their respective age class according to their date of birth as recorded on their registration papers.

3. Sheep entering the show ring on show day will have their flock identification checked by breed show officials to correspond with official show records.

4. All sheep will be shown sheared.

5. Owner is required to be a member of the American Dorper Sheep Breeders' Society, and all sheep shown need to be registered with the ADSBS.

6. Materials may not be used to change the color of an animal. If natural color is altered, that animal is disqualified. There will be no painting on sheep to either alter or enhance color.

7. Dorpers and White Dorpers should be shown flat-footed with the head in a natural position, and refraining from aggressive bracing.

8. No drenching

9. No manipulating or fitting leg hair.

10. Any disqualification or sifting will be under the discretion of ADSBS.

Dorper # Class Description

1 Dorper Yearling Ram (9/1/2024- 8/31/2025) 40 35 30
2 Dorper Fall Ram Lamb (9/1/2025 - 12/31/2025) 40 35 30
3 Dorper Senior Champion Ram Rosette
4 Dorper Senior Reserve Champion Ram Rosette
5 Dorper Winter Ram Lamb (1/1/2026 - 2/28/2026) 40 35 30
6 Dorper Spring Ram Lamb (3/1/2026 or later) 40 35 30
7 Dorper Junior Champion Ram Rosette
8 Dorper Junior Reserve Champion Ram Rosette
9 Dorper Pair of Ram Lambs 40 35 30
10 Dorper Champion Ram Banner
11 Dorper Reserve Champion Ram Banner
12 Dorper Senior Yearling Ewe (9/1/2024-1/31/2025) 40 35 30
13 Dorper Junior Yearling Ewe (2/1/2025-8/31/2025) 40 35 30

14 Dorper Pair of Yearling Ewes 40 35 30
15 Dorper Early Fall Ewe Lamb (9/1/2025-10/31/2025) 40 35 30
16 Dorper Late Fall Ewe Lamb (11/1/2025-12/31/2025) 40 35 30
17 Dorper Senior Champion Ewe Rosette
18 Dorper Senior Reserve Champion Ewe Rosette
19 Dorper January Ewe Lamb (1/1/2026- 1/31/2026) 40 35 30
21 Dorper February Ewe Lamb (2/1/2026-2/28/2026) 40 35 30
22 Dorper March Ewe Lambs (3/1/2026 & after) 40 35 30
25 Dorper Pair of Ewe Lambs (9/1/2026 & after) 40 35 30
24 Dorper Junior Champion Ewe Rosette
24 Dorper Junior Reserve Champion Ewe Rosette
25 Dorper Champion Ewe Banner
26 Dorper Reserve Champion Ewe Banner
27 Dorper Flock – 1 Ram, 2 Yearling Ewes, 2 Ewe Lambs 40 35 30
28 Premier Exhibitor Banner

White Dorper # Class Description

29 White Dorper Yearling Ram (9/1/2024-8/31/2025) 40 35 30
30 White Dorper Fall Ram Lamb (9/1/2025- 12/31/2025) 40 35 30
31 White Dorper Senior Champion Ram Rosette
32 White Dorper Senior Reserve Champion Ram Rosette
33 White Dorper Winter Ram Lamb (1/1/2026 - 2/28/2026) 40 35 30
34 White Dorper Spring Ram Lamb (3/1/2026 or later) 40 35 30
35 White Dorper Junior Champion Ram Rosette
36 White Dorper Junior Reserve Champion Ram Rosette
37 White Dorper Pair of Ram Lambs 40 35 30
38 White Dorper Champion Ram Banner
39 White Dorper Reserve Champion Ram Banner
40 White Dorper Senior Yearling Ewe (9/1/2024-1/31/2025) 40 35 30
41 White Dorper Junior Yearling Ewe (2/1/2025-8/31/2025) 40 35 30
42 White Dorper Pair of Yearling Ewes 40 35 30
43 White Dorper Early Fall Ewe Lamb (9/1/2025-10/31/2025) 40 35 30
44 White Dorper Late Fall Ewe Lamb (11/1/2025-12/31/2025) 40 35 30
45 White Dorper Senior Champion Ewe Rosette
46 White Dorper Senior Reserve Champion Ewe Rosette
47 White Dorper January Ewe Lamb (1/1/2026-1/31/2026) 40 35 30
48 White Dorper February Ewe Lamb (2/1/2026-2/28/2026) 40 35 30
49 White Dorper March Ewe Lambs (3/1/2026 & after) 40 35 30
50 White Dorper Pair of Ewe Lambs (9/1/2026 & after) 40 35 30
51 White Dorper Junior Champion Ewe Rosette
52 White Dorper Junior Reserve Champion Ewe Rosette
53 White Dorper Champion Ewe Banner
54 White Dorper Reserve Champion Ewe Banner
55 White Dorper Flock – 1 Ram, 2 Yearling Ewes, 2 Ewe Lambs 40 35 30
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Supreme Champion Junior Breeding Heifer

Judge:

The Grand Champion Heifers of the 2026 American Aberdeen, Angus, Belted Galloway, Black Hereford, Braunvieh, Chianina, Chiangus, Chi-Composite, Charolais, Composite Charolais, Gelbvieh, Hereford, Limousin, Lim-Flex, MaineTainer, Maine Angus, Maine-Anjou, Red Angus, Salers, Optimizer, Shorthorn, ShorthornPlus, Percentage Simmental, and Purebred Simmental Junior Heifer Shows will be eligible and are expected to compete for the Supreme Champion Junior Show Breeding Heifer Award.

Exhibitors of the Grand Champion Junior Heifer of their respective breed listed above are expected to show in the Supreme Heifer class unless otherwise stated in breed rules. Any exhibitor choosing not to compete as the breed champion will not receive a scholarship and that breed will not be represented in the Supreme Champion line-up.

Heifers must be shown by a junior owner/exhibitor and must display original breed/division entry number in a show harness.

Stanley E. Stout Memorial Supreme Heifer Scholarship

The Stanley E. Stout Memorial Supreme Heifer Scholarship has been established in honor of Stanley Stout, American Royal Board of Directors member and chairman of the livestock committee. Stanley may be best known throughout the region as “the auctioneering voice” of the American Royal purebred livestock auctions and the Junior Premium Auction.

The winner of the Supreme Champion Heifer will be awarded a $10,000 scholarship. All other breed champions who are competing for the Supreme Champion will be awarded a $500 or a $1000 scholarship based on the number of heifers shown in each breed over a 5 year average. The scholarship not only creates a legacy in the former community leader’s name, but strengthens a foundation of support for youth in agriculture.

Scholarships are presented only for advanced educational purposes of the winners. The sums assigned annually as scholarship will be maintained by the American Royal until such time as the recipients have enrolled and demonstrate that said funds will be directed to scholarship purposes. These scholarships are non-transferable. The funds shall be paid directly to the college or institution of advanced learning and/or training as approved by the Executive Committee of the American Royal.

Bud Sloan Supreme Heifer Trophy

In the fall of 1971 Bud Sloan began doing seasonal contract work for the American Royal. With his vast experience and knowledge about cattle and marketing, Bud was the ideal candidate to lead the American Royal Livestock Show. Bud has been involved in the American Royal as either beef cattle superintendent or livestock superintendent for at least 44 years.

Bud, along with his longtime colleague Stanley, were integral in forming a task force that reorganized the structure of the American Royal Livestock Show and established the show as it is known today. Bud was responsible in establishing the Stanley E. Stout Scholarship in the amount of $10,000.00 for the exhibitor of the Supreme Champion Heifer at the American Royal.

In addition, because of Bud's efforts, each breed champion heifer receives a $500.00 or a $1000.00 scholarship based on the number of heifers shown in each breed over a 5 year average. Bud recognized the need to honor Stanley's mark on the industry as well as bring more financial assistance for continuing education to youth involved in agriculture.
The hope is that Bud's passion for cattle and the livestock industry will continue on through this trophy that was generously sponsored by Hartman Cattle Company, Tecumseh, Nebraska. This trophy will be awarded to the exhibitor of the Supreme Champion Breeding Heifer. The trophy will stay housed at the American Royal throughout the year.

Junior/Open Cattle Division

Entry Deadline:
September 10, 2026

Thursday, October 8
8:00 p.m. Move-In: Watusi ONLY

Friday, October 9
12:00 p.m. Move-In: Watusi, American Aberdeen, Belted Galloway, Black Hereford, Braunvieh, Gelbvieh, Miniature Hereford, Salers, Speckle Park, Dorper & ABGA
4:00 p.m. ABGA check in

Saturday, October 10
8:00 a.m. Move-In: American Aberdeen, Belted Galloway, Black Hereford, Braunvieh, Gelbvieh, Miniature Herefords, & Salers
9:00 a.m. Watusi Open Show –
1:00 p.m. Black Hereford Sale –
3:00 p.m. Junior Heifer Showmanship –

Sunday, October 11
8:00 a.m. Belted Galloway Junior/Open Show-
8:00 a.m. American Aberdeen Junior/Open Show-
11:00 a.m. Miniature Hereford Junior Show/Open Show –
1:00 p.m. Black Hereford Junior Show/Open Show –

Monday October 12
8:00 a.m. Salers Junior/Open Show–East Side
8:00 a.m Speckle Park Junior/Open - West Side
1:00 p.m. Gelbvieh Junior/Open Show – West Side
1:00 p.m. Braunvieh Junior/Open Show –

Tuesday, October 20
4:00 p.m. Move-In: Angus, Charolais, Chianina, Hereford, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, Red Angus, Shorthorn, & Simmental

Wednesday, October 21
7:00 a.m. Move-In: Angus, Charolais, Chianina, Hereford, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, Shorthorn, Red Angus & Simmental
8:00 a.m. 4-H Meats Judging Banquet –
1:00 p.m. Cattle Demonstration Sponsored by Weaver Livestock –
3:00 p.m. Junior Heifer Showmanship –

Thursday, October 22
9:00 a.m. Shorthorn Junior Show –
9:00 a.m. Maine-Anjou Junior Show –
2:00 p.m. Red Angus Junior/Open Show –
2:00 p.m. Chianina Junior/Open Show–

Friday, October 23
8:00 a.m. Charolais Royal Breeders Bull Classic –
8:00 a.m. Maine-Anjou Open Show –

9:30 a.m. Shorthorn Open Show –
1:00 p.m. Angus Junior Heifer Show –
1:30 p.m. Royal Collection Charolais Sale –
2:00 p.m. Simmental Junior Heifer Show –
6:00 p.m. Ladies of the Royal –

Saturday, October 24
8:00 a.m. Angus ROV Show –
8:00 a.m. Charolais Junior Heifer Show followed by National Roll of Excellence Charolais Show –
2:00 p.m. Hereford Junior Heifer Show –
3:00 p.m. Limousin Junior/Open Show –

Sunday, October 25
8:00 a.m. National Hereford Show –
8:00 a.m. National SimGenetics Show –
30 minutes following completion of Hereford and Simmental Shows
Supreme Champion Jr. Heifer Drive
Supreme Champion Open Female Drive
Supreme Champion Bull Drive

Arrival and Release of Breeding Cattle

An earliest arrival time will be stated for some departments. An earlier arrival may necessitate staying outside the buildings. The management determines arrival and release times in an effort to make the best use of available space and to provide the best possible show for all exhibitors, special groups in attendance and the general public.

- For American Aberdeen, Belted Galloway, Black Hereford, Braunvieh, Gelbvieh, Limousin, Miniature Herefords, Salers, and Watusi the American Royal barns will be available after 1:00 p.m. Thursday, October 10, 2026.

- For Angus, Charolais, Chianina, Hereford, Maine-Anjou, Red Angus, Shorthorn, and Simmental the American Royal barns will be available after 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 21st , 2026.

Exhibitors are expected to keep their livestock on display until the designated time for release unless the Livestock Event Manager grants permission for early release. Failure to comply with this rule can result in forfeiture of premiums. The stated release time should be considered when a decision to enter is made.

If necessary, to allow time for cleanup, exhibitors are expected to remove animals and tack from tie space promptly after release time if asked by the management to do so.

All animals, tack and equipment must be removed from the American Royal barns by 8:00 p.m. Monday, October 14th, 2026 for cattle exhibiting between the dates of October 10th-October 14th, 2026. All animals, tack, and equipment must be removed from the American Royal barns by 11:59 p.m. Sunday, October 26th, 2026 for cattle exhibiting between the dates of October 22-27, 2026. No livestock or equipment may be left on the American Royal grounds after 6:00 p.m., Monday, October 28th, 2026.

Grooming Chutes

Exhibitors may use grooming chutes or cattle safety devices. Space will not be guaranteed for grooming chutes. A grooming chute permit is available for $35.00 per chute. Any exhibitor failing to have a grooming chute permit clearly visible will be subject to having chute removed from grounds. Chutes must be kept with exhibitors' cattle and cannot be

placed in aisles, cleanout alleys, or fire lanes. Any exhibitor that does not comply promptly if requested by the management to remove a chute is subject to disciplinary action including forfeiture of premiums.

Tie and Tack Space

Superintendents will assign tie space and tack space as needed upon arrival. The per-head fee is an entry fee not space rental. Due to limited space, ties will be assigned for the actual number of cattle that arrive at the show.

Tie-Outs

Breeding cattle may not be tied-out until 5:30 p.m. Temporary tie-outs are available at no charge on a first-come basis. Because most cattle will be on the grounds at the same time, please be considerate of fellow exhibitors and only use the tie-out space needed. The American Royal does not guarantee tie-out space and is not liable for security, accidents or loss of animals or articles in tie-out area. Cattle tie-outs are temporary panels and, as such, may not be substantial enough for some animals. Exhibitors, who elect to tie-out at night, do so at their own risk and are responsible for the security of their own animals. No tents are allowed in the tie-outs.

Bedding

All cattle ties in the barn and the tie-out area will be bedded with material provided by the American Royal. The charge for bedding is included in the entry fee for all cattle. Additional bedding and feed may be purchased from the Feed Room. Orders must be placed by 4:00 p.m. daily. Terms are cash or credit card. All feed bills MUST be paid in full before orders will be delivered.

Substitution Rule

Substitutions may only be made with the breed entered and are only allowed in Junior Heifers and Open Cattle. Substitutions can be made only in the name of the original exhibitor/recorded owner as listed on the entry form and must be the same sex- bulls for bulls and females for females. Substitutions must be made with the current 2026 American Royal Substitution Form, which can be found on the American Royal website. **Forms submitted without the required signatures and/or credit card number will not be accepted.** The form must be received no later than **September 25th, 2026**. Substitution forms can be found under the Livestock section of the website. No substitutions will be allowed after September 25th, 2026 without the $100.00 late substitution fee and you must alert American Royal Livestock Show management before you arrive on grounds of the animal.

Any substitutions made or attempted to be made in any breeding class through deceit may result in disqualification of all animals and parties involved. Said parties may be subject to subsequent actions by the Executive Committee.

Substitution Fee: Breeding Cattle: $20.00 per head
Breeding Cattle Late Substitution Fee: $100.00 per head

Cattle Sales

Breed sales are under the management of the respective Associations. Sale managers or breed associations are requested to furnish the Livestock Department with a summary of their sales including totals and averages.

All live animals entered in any sale at the American Royal must be properly entered in the respective American Royal show. Owners are responsible for submitting completed entry forms along with required fees. **Sale management must send a complete list of owners/sale animals to the American Royal by September 10th, 2026.**

Health Requirements

Health requirements are located in the General Information section. All livestock entering this show will be subject to examination by a show or State Veterinarian upon arrival or during the show.

Animals with active lesions of ringworm with resulting loss of hair, or multiple warts visible will not be permitted to exhibit. If animals have had ringworm, lesions must be dried and healed with hair growing back in. Any animal, of any species, showing evidence of infectious, contagious, or communicable diseases will be immediately withdrawn from the show, removed from the grounds, or held in quarantine at owner's risk and expense. These animals must remain in the quarantine area while on the grounds. There will be no refund of entry or other fees on animals withdrawn.

Parking and Passes

Entry gates will be supervised. All exhibitors are required to purchase a minimum of one exhibitor badge, if traveling with someone else, it is not necessary to purchase a parking pass. A parking fee of $20.00 per vehicle per entry and an admissions fee of $5.00 per person per entry will be charged at the entry gates if passes are not purchased. See General Information for details on vehicle passes and grounds passes.

Additional Information

Nurse cows will not be permitted.

Only animals entered in the show are allowed on the grounds.

Animals recorded in more than one breed registry may only show in one breed show. Animals must show in the same breed in the open and junior show, if eligible.

American Aberdeen Junior Heifers

Superintendent:
Matt Reinken, Boone, Iowa
Midwest American Aberdeen Junior Association

Assistant Superintendent:
Jan Effertz, Bismarck, ND

$95.00 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)

Showmanship Entry Fee:
(If included with entry) $10.00
(At time of check-in) $30.00

All general rules & regulations for the American Royal Livestock Show apply.

Entries

- New in 2026 – All cattle classes will be labeled as the following at the time of entries:
  - 1 Heifer
  - 2 Cow/Calf
  - 3 Bulls
- Classes will still be broken by age based on each breed's individual guidelines but exhibitors will NOT select that class during entries.

American Aberdeen Rules

1. All rules of the Junior Breeding Division apply.

2. American Royal entry forms properly filled out and accompanied by appropriate fees must be postmarked, or submitted online on or before September 10th, 2026.

3. Heifers must be registered solely in the junior exhibitor's name on or before September 10th, 2026. Animals registered in the family name or two or more juniors' names are not eligible to show in the junior show. This applies even if an animal is registered in a farm or ranch name and the junior member is the only person listed on that membership. Bred and owned animals must be owned solely by the junior exhibitor on or before September 10th, 2026. Only exception will be for Junior Futurity Heifers and entry fee must be made prior to start of the show.

4. All breeding animals exhibited in an AAA sponsored show must be recognized with the AAA and contain a minimum of fifty percent (50%) or greater American Aberdeen.

5. Any heifer not bearing a legible tattoo is ineligible to show and tattoos must match registration papers. This tattoo must be listed on the entry form.

6. All cattle must meet the health requirements set out by the show management. Any deviation will be just cause for immediate disqualification from the show.

7. Heifers will show by age in the classes listed below.

8. Show management reserves the right to break large classes if deemed necessary, in which case the monies may be split.

9. Any person found guilty of misrepresentation, or not abiding by the show rules, will be disqualified and denied the privilege of showing.

10. The Regional American Aberdeen Board has decided to have a Supreme American Aberdeen Junior Female. Following the junior show, the judge will select the Supreme of the percentage and fullblood with their selection then being the heifer eligible to compete for the Supreme Champion Junior Female.

11. Exhibitors of the Champion Junior Heifer of their respective breed are expected to show in the Supreme Heifer Drive unless otherwise stated in breed rules. Any exhibitor choosing not to compete as the breed champion will not receive a scholarship and that breed will not be represented in the Supreme Champion line-up. Exhibitors of these champions should be present to show their own animal(s) unless prior permission is given by show management.

Age Requirement:

Sponsorship and Eligibility: This show is sponsored by the American Junior Aberdeen Association. The show is open to all AJAA members. Members who turned 22 years old before January 1, 2026 are not eligible. No alcohol or smoking will be permitted.

ANIMALS RECORDED IN MORE THAN ONE BREED REGISTRY MAY ONLY SHOW IN ONE BREED SHOW. ANIMALS MUST SHOW IN THE SAME BREED IN THE OPEN AND JUNIOR SHOW, IF ELIGIBLE.

Show management reserves the right to break large classes, if deemed necessary, in which case the monies may be split.

Fullblood American Aberdeen Heifers

Classes:

1. Summer Heifer Calves, calved June 1, 2026 and after

2. Summer Heifer Calves, calved May 2026

Summer Heifer Calf Champion- Rosette
Reserve Summer Heifer Calf Champion- Rosette

3. Late Spring Heifer Calves, calved April 2026

4. Spring Heifer Calves, calved March 2026

5. Junior Heifer Calves, calved January 1 – February 28, 2026

Junior Heifer Calf Champion- Rosette
Reserve Junior Heifer Calf Champion- Rosette

6. Winter Heifer Calves, calved November – December 31, 2025

7. Senior Heifer Calves, calved September 1 – October 31, 2025

Senior Heifer Calf Champion- Rosette
Reserve Senior Heifer Calf Champion- Rosette

8. Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May 1 – August 31, 2025

Summer Yearling Heifer Champion- Rosette
Reserve Summer Yearling Heifer Champion- Rosette

9. Spring Yearling Heifers, calved March 1 – April 30, 2025

10. Junior Yearling Heifers, calved January 1 – February 28, 2025

Junior Heifer Champion- Rosette
Reserve Junior Heifer Champion- Rosettes

11. Senior Yearling Heifers, calved September 1 – December 31, 2024

Senior Yearling Heifer Champion- Rosette
Reserve Senior Yearling Heifer Champion- Rosette

12. Cows born January 1, 2024 - August 31, 2024 with a calf at side

Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair- Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair- Rosette

Grand Champion Fullblood Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Fullblood Heifer- Rosette

Purebred/Percentage Moderator Heifers
Classes:

13. Summer Heifer Calves, calved June 1, 2026 and after

14. Summer Heifer Calves, calved May 2026

Summer Heifer Calf Champion- Rosette
Reserve Summer Heifer Calf Champion- Rosette

15. Late Spring Heifer Calves, calved April 2026

16. Spring Heifer Calves, calved March 2026

17. Junior Heifer Calves, calved January 1 – February 28, 2026

Junior Heifer Calf Champion- Rosette
Reserve Junior Heifer Calf Champion- Rosette

18. Winter Heifer Calves, calved November – December 31, 2025

19. Senior Heifer Calves, calved September 1 – October 31, 2025

Senior Heifer Calf Champion- Rosette
Reserve Senior Heifer Calf Champion- Rosette

20. Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May 1 – August 31, 2025

Summer Yearling Heifer Champion- Rosette
Reserve Summer Yearling Heifer Champion- Rosette

21. Spring Yearling Heifers, calved March 1 – April 30, 2025

22. Junior Yearling Heifers, calved January 1 – February 28, 2025

Junior Yearling Heifer Champion- Rosette
Reserve Junior Yearling Heifer Champion- Rosette

23. Senior Yearling Heifers, calved September 1 – December 31, 2024

Senior Yearling Heifer Champion- Rosette
Reserve Senior Yearling Heifer Champion- Rosette

24. Cows born January 1, 2024 - August 31, 2024 with a calf at side

Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair- Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair- Rosette

Grand Champion Purebred/Percentage Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Purebred/Percentage Heifer- Rosette

Supreme Champion Junior Breeding Heifer

The Supreme Champion American Aberdeen Heifer will qualify and is expected to compete for the Supreme Champion Junior Breeding Heifer of the 2026 American Royal Livestock Show on Sunday, October 26th, 2026. The Supreme Champion will receive a $10,000 scholarship and the remaining breed champions exhibited will each receive a $500 or $1000 scholarship based on number of heifers shown over a 5 year average.

Scholarships are presented only for advanced educational purposes of the winners. The sums assigned annually as scholarships will be maintained by the American Royal until such time as the recipients have enrolled and demonstrate that said recipients have enrolled and demonstrate that said funds will be directed to scholarship purposes. These scholarships are non-transferable. The funds shall be paid directly to the college or institution of advanced learning and/or training as approved by the Executive Committee of the American Royal.

American Aberdeen Open Show

Steve Hoffman, President
Midwest American Aberdeen Association

Superintendent:
Curtis Ohlde, Basehor, KS

Assistant Superintendent:
Jan Effertz, Bismarck, ND

Judge:

Entry Fee:
$95.00 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)

Entries

- New in 2026 – All cattle classes will be labeled as the following at the time of entries:
  - 1 Heifer
  - 2 Cow/Calf
  - 3 Bulls
- Classes will still be broken by age based on each breed's individual guidelines but exhibitors will NOT select that class during entries.

American Aberdeen Show Rules

1. American Royal entry forms properly filled out and accompanied by appropriate fees must be submitted online on or before September 10th, 2026.

2. All animals exhibited must be recorded in the name of the exhibitor by September 10th, 2026. A copy of the registration paper or an affidavit of registration must accompany each animal to the show. It is not necessary to mail registration certificates with entries. This will be a four-division show: 1) Purebred/Percentage Bulls 2) Fullblood Bulls 3) Purebred/Percentage Females 4) Fullblood Females. Group classes may contain both Fullblood and Purebred/Percentage animals.

3. All breeding animals exhibited in an AAA sponsored show must be recognized with the AAA and contain a minimum of fifty percent (50%) or greater American Aberdeen.

4. Proof of satisfactory semen evaluation for bulls born prior to May 1st, 2026 must be submitted at time of check-in.

5. Cattle must be entered and exhibited under the recorded ownership at the time of show entry deadline. Jointly owned animals must be entered and shown under the multi-ownership (all co-owners) in the individual classes.

6. All cattle must be properly tattooed, including herd prefix and will be inspected at the show Tattoo must be legible and must match registration papers.

7. All cattle must meet the health requirements set out by the show management. Any deviation will be just cause for immediate disqualification from the show.

8. All bulls born before January 1st, 2026 must show with a nose lead. The right to disqualify from the show any animal deemed unmanageable is reserved by the show officials.

9. All females born before August 31, 2023 through April 30, 2024 must be accompanied by a verification of pregnancy signed by a licensed veterinarian. Exception to the rule of safe in calf will apply to: 1) a donor female that has produced fertile eggs in the previous twelve (12) months as verified in a written statement from a licensed veterinarian or 2) females shown with calf at side.

10. All females shown in Cow-Calf class with a calf over 150 days of age must be bred back and must be accompanied by a verification of pregnancy signed by a licensed veterinarian.

11. Any person found guilty of misrepresentation, or not abiding by the show rules, will be disqualified and denied the privilege of showing in this y ear's shows and/or future shows.

Classes

Fullblood Aberdeen Bulls

1. Summer Bull Calves, calved June 1, 2026 and after

2. Summer Bull Calves, calved May 2026

Champion Summer Bull Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Summer Bull Calf - Rosette

3. Late Spring Bull Calves, calved April 2026

4. Spring Bull Calves, calved March 2026

5. Junior Bull Calves, calved January 1 – February 28, 2026

Champion Junior Bull Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Bull Calf- Rosette

6. Winter Bull Calves, calved November – December 31, 2025

7. Senior Bull Calves, calved September 1 – October 31, 2025

Champion Senior Bull Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Bull Calf- Rosette

8. Summer Yearling Bulls, calved May 1 – August 31, 2025

Champion Summer Yearling Bull - Rosette
Reserve Champion Summer Yearling Bull- Rosette

9. Spring Yearling Bulls, calved March 1 – April 30, 2025

10. Junior Yearling Bulls, calved January 1 – February 29, 2025

Champion Junior Yearling Bull- Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Yearling Bull- Rosette

11. Senior Yearling Bulls, calved July 1 – December 31, 2024

12. Two-Year-Old Bulls, calved January 1 – June 30, 2024

Champion Senior Yearling Bull- Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Yearling Bull- Rosette

Grand Champion Purebred/Percentage Bull- Banner, Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Purebred/Percentage Bull- Rosette

Purebred/Percentage Bulls

13. Summer Bull Calves, calved June 1, 2026 and after

14. Summer Bull Calves, calved May 2026

Champion Summer Bull Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Summer Bull Calf - Rosette

15. Late Spring Bull Calves, calved April 2026

16. Spring Bull Calves, calved March 2026

17. Junior Bull Calves, calved January 1 – February 28, 2026

Champion Junior Bull Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Bull Calf- Rosette

18. Winter Bull Calves, calved November – December 31, 2025

19. Senior Bull Calves, calved September 1 – October 31, 2025

Champion Senior Bull Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Bull Calf - Rosette

20. Summer Yearling Bulls, calved May 1 – August 31, 2025

Champion Summer Yearling Bull - Rosette
Reserve Champion Summer Yearling Bull - Rosette

21. Spring Yearling Bulls, calved March 1 – April 30, 2025

22. Junior Yearling Bulls, calved January 1 – February 29, 2025

Champion Junior Yearling Bull - Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Yearling Bull - Rosette

23. Senior Yearling Bulls, calved July 1 – December 31, 2024

24. Two-Year-Old Bulls, calved January 1 – June 30, 2024

Champion Senior Yearling Bull - Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Yearling Bull - Rosette

Grand Champion Fullblood Bull- Banner, Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Fullblood Bull- Rosette

Fullblood Aberdeen Females

25. Summer Heifer Calves, calved June 1, 2026 and after

26. Summer Heifer Calves, calved May 2026

Champion Summer Heifer Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Summer Heifer Calf - Rosette

27. Late Spring Heifer Calves, calved April 2026

28. Spring Heifer Calves, calved March 2026

29. Junior Heifer Calves, calved January 1 – February 28, 2026

Champion Junior Heifer Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf - Rosette

30. Winter Heifer Calves, calved November – December 31, 2025

31. Senior Heifer Calves, calved September 1 – October 31, 2025

Champion Senior Heifer Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf - Rosette

32. Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May 1 – August 31, 2025

Champion Summer Yearling Heifer - Rosette
Reserve Champion Summer Yearling Heifer- Rosette

33. Spring Yearling Heifers, calved March 1 – April 30, 2025

34. Junior Yearling Heifers, calved January 1 – February 28, 2025

Champion Junior Yearling Heifer - Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Yearling Heifer- Rosette

35. Senior Yearling Heifers, calved September 1 – December 31, 2024

Champion Senior Yearling Heifer - Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Yearling Heifer- Rosette

Grand Champion Fullblood Female- Banner, Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Fullblood Female- Rosette

36. Cow-Calf (See Rule #11), cow born on or before August 31, 2024 with natural nursing calf (not embryo transplant)

Grand Champion Fullblood Cow-Calf- Banner, Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Fullblood Cow-Calf- Rosette

Purebred/Percentage Moderator Females

37. Summer Heifer Calves, calved June 1, 2026 and after

38. Summer Heifer Calves, calved May 2026

Champion Summer Heifer Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Summer Heifer Calf - Rosette

39. Late Spring Heifer Calves, calved April 2026

40. Spring Heifer Calves, calved March 2026

41. Junior Heifer Calves, calved January 1 – February 28, 2026

Champion Junior Heifer Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf - Rosette

42. Winter Heifer Calves, calved November – December 31, 2025

43. Senior Heifer Calves, calved September 1 – October 31, 2025

Champion Senior Heifer Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf - Rosette

44. Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May 1 – August 31, 2025

Champion Summer Yearling Heifer - Rosette
Reserve Champion Summer Yearling Heifer - Rosette

45. Spring Yearling Heifers, calved March 1 – April 30, 2025

46. Junior Yearling Heifers, calved January 1 – February 29, 2025

Champion Junior Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer - Rosette

47. Senior Yearling Heifers, calved September 1 – December 31, 2024

Champion Senior Yearling Heifer - Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Yearling Heifer - Rosette

48. Cow-Calf (See Rule #11), cow born on or before August 31, 2024 with natural nursing calf (not embryo transplant)

Grand Champion Purebred/Percentage Cow-Calf- Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Purebred/Percentage Cow-Calf- Rosette

Grand Champion Purebred/Percentage Females- Banner, Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Purebred/Percentage Females- Rosette

Group Classes

Cow-Calf pairs shown in group classes will count as two animals

49. Supreme American Aberdeen Exhibit- Grand Champion from each division competing:
    Purebred/Percentage Bull
    Purebred/Percentage Female
    Purebred/Percentage Cow-Calf
    Fullblood Bull
    Fullblood Female
    Fullblood Cow-Calf

50. Get-of-Sire- Three (3) animals by one sire, any age, both sexes represented, may be owned by more than one exhibitor, Fullblood or Percentage. All animals must have been shown in individual classes.

51. Produce of Dam- Two (2) animals shown in above single-entry classes, either or both sexes from the same dam.

52. Breeder's Best Six Head- Exhibitor must be breeder and first owner. Fullblood or Percentage. Animals must have been shown in individual classes.

American Aberdeen Junior Show information can be located in the American Aberdeen Junior Heifer Section.

American Black Hereford Junior Heifers

Superintendent:
Ernie Dominguez-Texas

Entry Fee:
$ 95 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)

Showmanship Entry Fee:
(If included with entry) $10.00
(At time of check-in) $30.00
$500 in Premiums
American Black Hereford Association $500

Entries

- New in 2026 – All cattle classes will be labeled as the following at the time of entries:
  - 1 Heifer
  - 2 Cow/Calf
  - 3 Bulls
- Classes will still be broken by age based on each breed's individual guidelines but exhibitors will NOT select that class during entries.

American Black Hereford Show

The American Black Hereford Association's portion of the premiums is paid to the American Royal to be included in their premium checks to the exhibitors

American Black Hereford Rules

1. American Royal entry forms, properly filled out and accompanied by the appropriate fees must be postmarked, or submitted online by September 10th, 2026.

2. The American Royal will keep $ 95 of the per head entry fee.

3. Animals competing in the Black Hereford Show must be registered in the American Black Hereford Association herd book and recorded in the name of the exhibitor 30 days prior to the American Royal registration deadline.

4. Cattle must be owned solely by the junior exhibitor and in his/her recorded ownership 30 days prior to the show. Siblings may jointly own animals, provided both are members of the AJBHA and meet AJBHA age requirements. No animal is eligible to compete if recorded in joint ownership (other than the sibling rule), and no joint ownership with farm name or family name.

5. All animals must be properly tattooed and will be inspected at the show. Tattoos must be legible and must match registration papers. Any animal upon check-in, which does not have legible permanent identification mark (ear

tattoo) corresponding to the permanent identification on the registration certificate is ineligible to show. Once disqualified due to an incorrect or illegible permanent identification mark, animals cannot be re-tattooed and rechecked at the show.

6. Altering the conformation or natural appearance of the animal is prohibited. This includes covering of white skin and the use of artificial tailheads, switches, or any use of false hair. Other prohibited products include illegal or unlicensed pharmaceuticals, or artificial filling. Any animal found in violation will be barred from showing.

7. Any winning animals in any and all divisions may be subject to DNA Parentage Verification (sire and dam only). If discrepancies in parentage are found the animal may be subject to forfeit its winning position and prize money premiums.

8. All cattle must meet the health requirements set out by the American Royal Management. Any deviation will be just cause for immediate disqualification from the show.

9. Any person found guilty of misrepresentation by the show and sale committee including the age of the animal, or not abiding by the show rules, will be disqualified and denied the privilege of show. Case may be referred to the ABHA for further action according to association procedure.

10. The registered owner and/or exhibitor must be a member in good standing with the ABHA.

11. Judges will have no preview of competing cattle or meeting with show exhibitors prior to the show. This is to maintain impartiality for all competitors and judge.

12. Classes are subject to change based on the number of entries.

13. Percentage and Purebred females will be eligible to compete in the Grand Champion Selection at the conclusion of the heifer show.

14. All American Royal rules apply.

Age Requirement

Black Hereford Junior Exhibitors must be under twenty-one (21) years of age as of the entry deadline (September 10th).

Premiums

Premiums will be determined based on entries. American Royal awards ribbons to the prize winners in class, rosettes to the division champions, and banners to the grand champions.

Classes

Show management reserves the right to split large classes if deemed necessary, in which case premium monies may be split.

1. Cow/Calf Pairs

Any female older than the below ages with a calf at side.

- All calves are to be less than 240 days of age on show day.
- One entry fee is required for pairs.
- If calf is shown again on its own, an additional entry and fee is needed.

- Cows must be registered Percentage or Purebred and calves at side must be Percentage or Purebred to be eligible to show.

F-1 Females

2. Late Spring Heifer Calves, calved after May 1, 2026
3. Early Spring Heifer Calves, calved between March 1 and April 31, 2026

Champion Spring Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Spring Heifer Calf

4. Junior Heifer Calves, calved between January 1 and February 28, 2026

Champion Junior Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf

5. Winter Heifer Calves, calved between November 1-December 31, 2025

Champion Winter Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Winter Heifer Calf

6. Senior Heifer Calves, calved between September 1 – October 31, 2025

Champion Senior Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf

7. Summer Yearling Females, calved between July 1 and August 31, 2025
8. Late Spring Yearling Females, calved between May 1 and June 30, 2025

Champion Intermediate Female
Reserve Champion Intermediate Female

9. Early Spring Yearling Females, calved between March 1 and April 30, 2025
10. Junior Yearling Females, calved between January 1 and February 28, 2025

Champion Junior Female
Reserve Champion Junior Female

11. Senior Yearling Female, calved Between September 1 and October 31, 2024
12. Senior Winter Yearling Female, calved Between November 1 and December 31, 2024

Champion Senior Female
Reserve Champion Senior Female

Grand Champion F-1 Female
Reserve Grand Champion F-1 Female

HX Females

13. Late Spring Heifer Calves, calved after May 1, 2026
14. Early Spring Heifer Calves, calved between March 1 and April 31, 2026

Champion Spring Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Spring Heifer Calf

15. Junior Heifer Calves, calved between January 1 and February 28, 2026

Champion Junior Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf

16. Winter Heifer Calves, calved between November 1-December 31, 2025

Champion Winter Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Winter Heifer Calf

17. Senior Heifer Calves, calved between September 1 – October 31, 2025

Champion Senior Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf

18. Summer Yearling Females, calved between July 1 and August 31, 2025
19. Late Spring Yearling Females, calved between May 1 and June 30, 2025

Champion Intermediate Female
Reserve Champion Intermediate Female

20. Early Spring Yearling Females, calved between March 1 and April 30, 2025
21. Junior Yearling Females, calved between January 1 and February 28, 2025

Champion Junior Female
Reserve Champion Junior Female

22. Senior Yearling Female, calved Between September 1 and October 31, 2023
23. Senior Winter Yearling Female, calved Between November 1 and December 31, 2023

Champion Senior Female
Reserve Champion Senior Female

Grand Champion HX Female
Reserve Grand Champion HX Female

Percentage Females

24. Late Spring Heifer Calves, calved after May 1, 2026
25. Early Spring Heifer Calves, calved between March 1 and April 31, 2026

Champion Spring Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Spring Heifer Calf

26. Junior Heifer Calves, calved between January 1 and February 28, 2026

Champion Junior Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf

27. Winter Heifer Calves, calved between November 1-December 31, 2025

Champion Winter Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Winter Heifer Calf

28. Senior Heifer Calves, calved between September 1 – October 31, 2025

Champion Senior Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf

29. Summer Yearling Females, calved between July 1 and August 31, 2025
30. Late Spring Yearling Females, calved between May 1 and June 30, 2025

Champion Intermediate Female
Reserve Champion Intermediate Female

31. Early Spring Yearling Females, calved between March 1 and April 30, 2025
32. Junior Yearling Females, calved between January 1 and February 28, 2025

Champion Junior Female
Reserve Champion Junior Female

33. Senior Yearling Female, calved Between September 1 and October 31, 2023
34. Senior Winter Yearling Female, calved Between November 1 and December 31, 2023

Champion Senior Female
Reserve Champion Senior Female

Grand Champion Percentage Female
Reserve Grand Champion Percentage Female

Purebred Females

35. Late Spring Heifer Calves, calved after May 1, 2026
36. Early Spring Heifer Calves, calved between March 1 and April 31, 2026

Champion Spring Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Spring Heifer Calf

37. Junior Heifer Calves, calved between January 1 and February 28, 2026

Champion Junior Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf

38. Winter Heifer Calves, calved between November 1-December 31, 2025

Champion Winter Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Winter Heifer Calf

39. Senior Heifer Calves, calved between September 1 – October 31, 2025

Champion Senior Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf

40. Summer Yearling Females, calved between July 1 and August 31, 2025
41. Late Spring Yearling Females, calved between May 1 and June 30, 2025

Champion Intermediate Female
Reserve Champion Intermediate Female

42. Early Spring Yearling Females, calved between March 1 and April 30, 2025
43. Junior Yearling Females, calved between January 1 and February 28, 2025

Champion Junior Female
Reserve Champion Junior Female

44. Senior Yearling Female, calved Between September 1 and December 31, 2023
45. Senior Winter Yearling Female, calved Between November 1 and December 31, 2023

Champion Senior Female
Reserve Champion Junior Female

Grand Champion Purebred Female
Reserve Grand Champion Purebred Female

Supreme Champion Junior Breeding Heifer

The Grand Champion Black Hereford Junior Heifer qualifies to compete for the Supreme Champion Junior Breeding Heifer of the 2026 American Royal Livestock Show on Sunday, October 26th, 2026.. The Supreme Champion will receive a $10,000 scholarship and the remaining breed champions exhibited will each receive a $500 or $1000 scholarship based on number of heifers shown over a 5 year average.

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American Black Hereford Open Show

Superintendent:
Ernie Dominguez-Texas

Entry Fee:
$ 95 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)

Entries

- New in 2026 – All cattle classes will be labeled as the following at the time of entries:
    - 1 Heifer
    - 2 Cow/Calf
    - 3 Bulls
- Classes will still be broken by age based on each breed's individual guidelines but exhibitors will NOT select that class during entries.

American Black Hereford Rules

1. American Royal entry forms, submitted online by September 10th, 2026.

2. The American Royal will keep $ 95 of the per head entry fee.

3. Animals competing in the Black Hereford Show must be registered in the American Black Hereford Association herd book and recorded in the name of the exhibitor 30 days prior to the American Royal registration deadline.

4. Cattle must be entered under the recorded ownership 30 days prior to show. Jointly owned animals must be entered under the multi-ownership (all co-owners) in the individual classes.

5. All animals must be properly tattooed and will be inspected at the show. Tattoos must be legible and must match registration papers. Any animal upon check-in, which does not have legible permanent identification mark (ear tattoo) corresponding to the permanent identification on the registration certificate is ineligible to show. Once disqualified due to an incorrect or illegible permanent identification mark, animals cannot be re-tattooed and rechecked at the show.

6. Altering the conformation or natural appearance of the animal is prohibited. This includes covering of white skin and the use of artificial tailheads, switches, or any use of false hair. Other prohibited products include illegal or unlicensed pharmaceuticals, or artificial filling. Any animal found in violation will be barred from showing.

7. Any winning animals in any and all divisions may be subject to DNA Parentage Verification (sire and dam only). If discrepancies in parentage are found the animal may be subject to forfeit its winning position and prize money premiums.

8. All cattle must meet the health requirements set out by the American Royal Management. Any deviation will be just cause for immediate disqualification from the show.

9. All bulls above one year of age must show with a nose lead. The right to disqualify from the show any animal deemed unmanageable is reserved by the show management.

10. Any person found guilty of misrepresentation by the show and sale committee including the age of the animal, or not abiding by the show rules, will be disqualified and denied the privilege of show. Case may be referred to the ABHA for further action according to association procedure.

11. The registered owner and/or exhibitor must be a member in good standing with the ABHA.

12. Judges will have no preview of competing cattle or meeting with show exhibitors prior to the show. This is to maintain impartiality for all competitors and judge.
13. Classes are subject to change based on the number of entries.

14. Percentage and Purebred females will be eligible to compete in the Grand Champion selection at the conclusion of the heifer show.

15. Percentage and Purebred bulls will be eligible to compete in the Grand Champion Selection at the conclusion of the bull show.

16. All American Royal rules apply.

Classes

Show management reserves the right to split large classes if deemed necessary, in which case premium monies may be split.

1. Cow/Calf Pairs

Any female older than the below ages with a calf at side.

- All calves are to be less than 240 days of age on show day.
- One entry fee is required for pairs.
- If calf is shown again on its own, an additional entry and fee is needed.
- Cows must be registered Percentage or Purebred and calves at side must be Percentage or Purebred to be eligible to show.

F-1 Females

2. Late Spring Heifer Calves, calved after May 1, 2026
3. Early Spring Heifer Calves, calved between March 1 and April 31, 2026

Champion Spring Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Spring Heifer Calf

4. Junior Heifer Calves, calved between January 1 and February 28, 2026

Champion Junior Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf

5. Winter Heifer Calves, calved between November 1-December 31, 2025

Champion Winter Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Winter Heifer Calf

6. Senior Heifer Calves, calved between September 1 – October 31, 2025

Champion Senior Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf

7. Summer Yearling Females, calved between July 1 and August 31, 2025
8. Late Spring Yearling Females, calved between May 1 and June 30, 2025

Champion Intermediate Female
Reserve Champion Intermediate Female

9. Early Spring Yearling Females, calved between March 1 and April 30, 2025
10. Junior Yearling Females, calved between January 1 and February 28, 2025

Champion Junior Female
Reserve Champion Junior Female

11. Senior Yearling Female, calved Between September 1 and October 31, 2023
12. Senior Winter Yearling Female, calved Between November 1 and December 31, 2023

Champion Senior Female
Reserve Champion Senior Female

Grand Champion F-1 Female
Reserve Grand Champion F-1 Female

HX Females

13. Late Spring Heifer Calves, calved after May 1, 2026
14. Early Spring Heifer Calves, calved between March 1 and April 31, 2026

Champion Spring Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Spring Heifer Calf

15. Junior Heifer Calves, calved between January 1 and February 28, 2026

Champion Junior Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf

16. Winter Heifer Calves, calved between November 1-December 31, 2025

Champion Winter Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Winter Heifer Calf

17. Senior Heifer Calves, calved between September 1 – October 31, 2025

Champion Senior Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf

18. Summer Yearling Females, calved between July 1 and August 31, 2025
19. Late Spring Yearling Females, calved between May 1 and June 30, 2025

Champion Intermediate Female
Reserve Champion Intermediate Female

20. Early Spring Yearling Females, calved between March 1 and April 30, 2025
21. Junior Yearling Females, calved between January 1 and February 28, 2025

Champion Junior Female
Reserve Champion Junior Female

22. Senior Yearling Female, calved Between September 1 and October 31, 2023
23. Senior Winter Yearling Female, calved Between November 1 and December 31, 2023

Champion Senior Female
Reserve Champion Senior Female

Grand Champion HX Female
Reserve Grand Champion HX Female

Percentage Females

24. Late Spring Heifer Calves, calved after May 1, 2026
25. Early Spring Heifer Calves, calved between March 1 and April 31, 2026

Champion Spring Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Spring Heifer Calf

26. Junior Heifer Calves, calved between January 1 and February 28, 2026

Champion Junior Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf

27. Winter Heifer Calves, calved between November 1-December 31, 2025

Champion Winter Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Winter Heifer Calf

28. Senior Heifer Calves, calved between September 1 – October 31, 2025

Champion Senior Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf

29. Summer Yearling Females, calved between July 1 and August 31, 2025
30. Late Spring Yearling Females, calved between May 1 and June 30, 2025

Champion Intermediate Female
Reserve Champion Intermediate Female

31. Early Spring Yearling Females, calved between March 1 and April 30, 2025
32. Junior Yearling Females, calved between January 1 and February 28, 2025

Champion Junior Female
Reserve Champion Junior Female

33. Senior Yearling Female, calved Between September 1 and October 31, 2023
34. Senior Winter Yearling Female, calved Between November 1 and December 31, 2023

Champion Senior Female
Reserve Champion Senior Female

Grand Champion Percentage Female
Reserve Grand Champion Percentage Female

Purebred Females

35. Late Spring Heifer Calves, calved after May 1, 2026
36. Early Spring Heifer Calves, calved between March 1 and April 31, 2026

Champion Spring Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Spring Heifer Calf

37. Junior Heifer Calves, calved between January 1 and February 28, 2026

Champion Junior Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf

38. Winter Heifer Calves, calved between November 1-December 31, 2025

Champion Winter Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Winter Heifer Calf

39. Senior Heifer Calves, calved between September 1 – October 31, 2025

Champion Senior Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf

40. Summer Yearling Females, calved between July 1 and August 31, 2025
41. Late Spring Yearling Females, calved between May 1 and June 30, 2025

Champion Intermediate Female
Reserve Champion Intermediate Female

42. Early Spring Yearling Females, calved between March 1 and April 30, 2025
43. Junior Yearling Females, calved between January 1 and February 28, 2025

Champion Junior Female
Reserve Champion Junior Female

44. Senior Yearling Female, calved Between September 1 and December 31, 2023
45. Senior Winter Yearling Female, calved Between November 1 and December 31, 2023

Champion Senior Female
Reserve Champion Junior Female

Grand Champion Purebred Female
Reserve Grand Champion Purebred Female

Bull Classes

- All bulls above one year of age must show with a nose lead
- Maximum age limit day of show is 36 months of age

Percentage Bulls

46. Late Spring Bull Calves, calved after May 1, 2026
47. Early Spring Bull Calves, calved between March 1 and April 31, 2026

Champion Spring Bull Calf
Reserve Champion Spring Bull Calf

48. Junior Bull Calves, calved between January 1 and February 28, 2026

Champion Junior Bull Calf
Reserve Champion Junior Bull Calf

49. Winter Bull Calves, calved between November 1-December 31, 2025

Champion Winter Bull Calf
Reserve Champion Winter Bull Calf

50. Senior Bull Calves, calved between September 1 – October 31, 2025

Champion Senior Bull Calf
Reserve Champion Senior Bull Calf

51. Summer Yearling Bulls, calved between July 1 and August 31, 2025
52. Late Spring Yearling Bulls, calved between May 1 and June 30, 2025

Champion Intermediate Bull
Reserve Champion Intermediate Bull

53. Early Spring Yearling Bulls, calved between March 1 and April 30, 2025

54. Junior Yearling Bulls, calved between January 1 and February 28, 2025

Champion Junior Yearling Bull
Reserve Champion Junior Yearling Bull

55. Senior Yearling Bulls, calved between March 1 and December 31, 2023
56. Two-Year-Old Bull, calved between January 1 and June 30, 2023

Champion Senior Bull
Reserve Champion Senior Bull

Grand Champion Percentage Bull
Reserve Grand Champion Percentage Bull

Purebred Bulls

57. Late Spring Bull Calves, calved after May 1, 2026
58. Early Spring Bull Calves, calved between March 1 and April 31, 2026

Champion Spring Bull Calf
Reserve Champion Spring Bull Calf

59. Junior Bull Calves, calved between January 1 and February 28, 2026

Champion Junior Bull Calf
Reserve Champion Junior Bull Calf

60. Winter Bull Calves, calved between November 1-December 31, 2025

Champion Winter Bull Calf
Calf Reserve Champion Winter Bull

61. Senior Bull Calves, calved between September 1 – October 31, 2025

Champion Senior Bull Calf
Reserve Champion Senior Bull Calf

62. Summer Yearling Bulls, calved between July 1 and August 31, 2025
63. Late Spring Yearling Bulls, calved between May 1 and June 30, 2025

Champion Intermediate Bull
Reserve Champion Intermediate Bull

64. Early Spring Yearling Bulls, calved between March 1 and April 30, 2025
65. Junior Yearling Bulls, calved between January 1 and February 28, 2025

Champion Junior Yearling Bull
Reserve Champion Junior Yearling Bull

66. Senior Yearling Bulls, calved between March 1 and December 31, 2023
67. Two-Year-Old Bull, calved between January 1 and June 30, 2023

Champion Senior Bull
Reserve Champion Senior Bull

Grand Champion Purebred Bull
Reserve Grand Champion Purebred Bull

Angus Junior Heifers

Superintendent:
Caitlyn Brandt, Director of Events & Junior Activities, American Angus Association

Entry Fee:
$ 95.00 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)

Showmanship Entry Fee:
(If included with entry) $10.00
(At time of check-in) $30.00

$3,000 in Premiums:

American Royal Association	$1,500
American Angus Association	$1,500
	$3,000

Entries

- New in 2026 – All cattle classes will be labeled as the following at the time of entries:
  - 1 Heifer
  - 2 Cow/Calf
  - 3 Bulls
- Classes will still be broken by age based on each breed's individual guidelines but exhibitors will NOT select that class during entries.

All general rules & regulations for the American Royal Livestock Show apply.

Participation Statement

The American Angus Association, 3201 Frederick Ave, St. Joseph, MO, will participate in premiums offered in individual classes for junior Angus heifers, as included in its standard show classifications, according to the premium schedule based on the number of head shown. The premium assistance provided by the American Angus Association for participation in this show is in addition to the premiums offered by the show itself. The premium assistance should not be used to offset show expense and shall be included in the premium payments distributed by the show to the exhibitors.

A minimum of fifteen (15) head must be shown in the junior heifer Angus classes to receive American Angus Association premium participation. The show is not required to have all classes to be eligible for premiums. Separate classes for bred and owned heifers may be held if the size of the show merits a separate class.

Any classes listed that exceed 15 head per class should be broken into smaller classes by dividing the class as evenly as possible, without splitting animals with the same birth date. If there are more than 30 head in a division, the division

should be split into Division 1, 2, etc. Class breaks will be at the discretion of the American Angus Association staff in attendance.

To be eligible for Association premiums, the entries must be recorded in the sole name of the junior exhibitor on or before September 10th, 2026. This ownership deadline applies to both owned and bred-and-owned females. The Association's contribution is included in the total premiums listed in each class.

Premiums from the Association are paid only to registered Angus cattle and only if the registration number is part of the show report provided to the Association. Therefore, all cattle should be registered at the time of entry to make certain they receive the Association's portion of the premiums.

The Association does not pay on premiums offered in championship classes. An animal may only be counted one time toward the total count for premium participation by the Association.

Exhibitors must have the original registration certificate issued by the American Angus Association available for inspection at the show for each animal or another current proof of ownership issued by the American Angus Association pedigree look up.

Any animal, upon check-in, which does not have a legible permanent identification mark (ear tattoo marks, freeze-branded marks, or hot branded marks) corresponding to the permanent identification on its registration certificate is ineligible to show. Once disqualified due to an incorrect or illegible permanent identification mark, animals cannot be re-identified (tattooed/branded) and rechecked at the show.

Any female shown with a calf at side: the calf must be the cow's most recent natural calf and the calf must be registered by show day and have proof of registration at check-in.

Only one person at a time shall lead an animal into the show ring.

Exhibitors who participate in shows that accept premium monies contributed by the American Angus Association are subject to the Association Rules as found in the Breeders Reference Guide of the Association. These rules are found in Part 2; Association Rules. The rules relating directly with the exhibition of Angus cattle are Part 2: Association Rules; Rule 800 Series; including Rule 800-810. These rules can be found at www.angus.org.

Altering the conformation and/or appearance of an animal for exhibition is prohibited. This includes the use of chin straps, covering of white skin, false tail heads (or use of any false hair), with the exception of false tail switches. The use of graphite, powders, hemp or other similar substances used externally are also prohibited. Other prohibited products include those used internally such as steroids, illegal or unlicensed pharmaceuticals or artificial filling. Any animal found to be in violation will be barred from showing.

At any show for which the American Angus Association appropriates funds toward the payment of premiums, no exhibitors, individuals assisting exhibitors or member owners at such show shall be allowed to use any coloring agents, on any animal exhibited. The Association may adopt and implement various tests designed to monitor this prohibition, including but not limited to a "white towel" or "white glove" test. No aerosol cans or other pressurized containers will be allowed in designated line up areas.

All animals exhibited are subject to DNA market or blood type test to verify accuracy of parentage as covered under the Association Rules and for other testing as required by the individual show.

Authorized representatives of the Association have the authority to enforce the rules set forth herein as well as in the Association Rules, including the barring of a registered animal from a livestock show at which it is to be shown, if there are reasonable grounds to believe a violation has occurred.

Age Requirement

Exhibitor's must be ages 8-21 as of January 1 of the current year and must be a Junior, Regular or Life Member of the American Angus Association. Junior membership shall be issued only to an individual and shall expire upon attainment of age 21. Participation is acceptable through the calendar year of the individual's 21st birthday. Special arrangements can be made beforehand for exhibitors that may need assistance while in the show ring.

Show management reserves the right to break large classes if deemed necessary, in which case the monies may be split.

American Angus Association Show Classification
The individual classes will be made up and divided after the cattle are checked in at the show according to the 2026 Angus Show Classifications. Class breaks will be at the discretion of the American Angus Association staff in attendance.

Classes
COW/CALF CLASSES
01 - Cows born January 1, 2022 - August 31, 2023
Cows born December 31, 2021 or earlier
Calf must be the cow's most recent natural calf and be no more than 280 days of age on the day of the show.
Any female that qualifies for heifer classes in the Association's Standard Classifications is not eligible to show in the cow/calf class.

HEIFER CLASSES
02 - Heifers born on or after September 1, 2023

CLASS PAYOUTS

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6-10th
$50	$40	$30	$25	$20	$10

All division and overall winners will be awarded rosettes.

Supreme Champion Junior Breeding Heifer

The Grand Champion Angus Heifer is qualified and expected to compete for the Supreme Champion Junior Breeding Heifer of the 2026 American Royal Livestock Show on Sunday, October 26th, 2026. The Supreme Champion will receive a $10,000 scholarship and the remaining breed champions exhibited will each receive a $500 or $1000 scholarship based on number of heifers shown over a 5 year average.

Scholarships are presented only for advanced educational purposes of the winners. The sums assigned annually as scholarships will be maintained by the American Royal until such time as the recipients have enrolled and demonstrate that said recipients have enrolled and demonstrate that said funds will be directed to scholarship purposes. These scholarships are non-transferable. The funds shall be paid directly to the college or institution of advanced learning and/or training as approved by the Executive Committee of the American Royal.

Angus Open Show

Mark McCully, CEO, American Angus Association

Superintendent:
Caitlyn Brandt, Director of Events & Junior Activities, American Angus Association

Wednesday, September 10th
Entry Deadline

Tuesday, October 21st
2:00 p.m. Earliest Arrival

Thursday, October 23rd
8:00 a.m. Arrival Deadline

Friday, October 24th
1:00 p.m. Angus Junior Heifer Show – East Side Hale Arena

Saturday, October 25th
8:00 a.m. Angus ROV Show – West Side Hale Arena
All cattle released immediately following the show

Sunday, October 26th
***Following completion of Simmental and Hereford Shows**
Supreme Champion Bull Show
Supreme Champion Open Female Show

Entry Fee:
$ 95 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)

$10,000 in Premiums

American Royal Association	$5,000
American Angus Association	$5,000
	$10,000

Angus Rules

Any animal, upon check-in, which does not have a legible permanent identification mark (eat tattoo marks, freeze-branded marks or hot-branded marks) corresponding to the permanent identification mark on the registration certificate is ineligible to show. Once disqualified due to an incorrect or illegible permanent identification mark, animals cannot be re-identified (tattooed/branded) and rechecked at the show.

Any female shown with a calf at side: the calf must be the cow's most recent natural calf, and the calf must be registered by show day and have proof of registration at check-in.

Only one person at a time shall lead an animal into the show ring.

Exhibitors who participate in shows by the American Angus Association are subject to the Association Rules as found in the Breeders Reference Guide of the Association. These rules are found in Part 2; Association Rules. The rules relating directly with the exhibition of Angus cattle are Part 2: Association Rules; Rule 800 Series; including Rule 800-810. These rules can be found at www.angus.org.

Altering the conformation and/or appearance of an animal for exhibition is prohibited. This includes the use of chin straps, covering of white skin, false tail heads (or use of any false hair), with the exception of false tail switches. The use of graphic, powders, hemp or other similar substances used externally are also prohibited. Other prohibited products include those internally such as steroid, illegal, or unlicensed pharmaceuticals or artificial filling. Any animal found to be in violation will be barred from showing.

At any show by the American Angus Association no exhibitors, individuals assisting exhibitors or member owners at such show shall be allowed to use any coloring agents, on any animal exhibited. The Association may adopt and implement various tests designed to monitor this prohibition, including but not limited to a "white towel" or "white glove" test. No aerosol cans or other pressurized containers will be allowed in designated line up areas.

All animals exhibited are subject to DNA marker or blood type test to verify accuracy of parentage as covered under the Association Rules and for other testing as required by the individual show.

Authorized representatives of the Association have the authority to enforce the rules set forth herein as wall as in the Association Rules, including the barring of a registered animal from a livestock sow at which it is to be shown, if there are reasonable grounds to believe a violation has occurred.

American Angus Association Show Classification

Only registered Angus cattle that meet the age requirements listed within this classification are eligible to receive premium participation and be counted in the total number of head shown. Champion and Reserve Champion placings are not counted in the number of head shown.

The individual classes will be made up and divided after the cattle are checked in at the show. They will be judged from the youngest class to the oldest class with each class made up of no more than fifteen (15) head. Any classes listed that exceed 15 head per class should be broken into smaller classes by dividing the class as evenly as possible without splitting animals with the same birth date. If there are more than 30 head in a division should be split in to Division 1, 2, etc. Class breaks will be at the discretion of the American Angus Association staff in attendance.

Females

Any female that qualifies for female classes in the Association's standard classifications are not eligible to show in the cow-calf classes. However, the calf at side of the female is eligible to show in its respective class providing individual entry has been made.

Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Cow-Calf pairs do not show for Grand Champion Female and are ineligible to compete in the get-of-sire, junior get-of-sire and breeder's six-head classes.

ROV Angus Show

COW/CALF CLASSES

01 - Cows born January 1, 2022 - August 31, 2023
Cows born December 31, 2021 or earlier
Calf must be the cow's most recent natural calf and be no more than 280 days of age on the day of the show.

BULL CLASSES

02 - Bulls born on or after January 1, 2023

HEIFER CLASSES

03 - Heifers born on or after September 1, 2023

All division and overall winners will be awarded rosettes. Grand Champion Cow-Calf Pair, Grand Champion Female, and Grand Champion Bull will be awarded a plaque.

GROUP CLASSES

Premiums will not be paid to group classes.
01 - Get-of-Sire – four (4) animals by one (1) sire, shown in the above classes, both sexes represented.
02 - Junior Get-of-Sire - three (3) animals by one (1) sire, both sexes represented. Entries must have been calved on or after May 1, 2023.
03 - Breeders Six Head - The exhibitor of the breeders six head must be breeder and first owner, identified by the same member code for the animals exhibited. Cattle owned by other exhibitors may be included provided the exhibitor of the breeder's six head is the breeder and first owner of the included animal(s). Animals must be exhibited in the individual classes. Cattle bred and owned by a junior member may be included if the exhibitor of the breeders six head is an individual or married couple and is the parent or legal guardian of the junior member.

Angus Junior Heifer Show information is located in the Junior Heifer section.

Belted Galloway Junior Show

Superintendent:
Jamie Wilkerson and Emily Wilkerson

Entry Fee:
$ 95 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)

Entries

- New in 2026 – All cattle classes will be labeled as the following at the time of entries:
  - 1 Heifer
  - 2 Cow/Calf
  - 3 Bulls
- Classes will still be broken by age based on each breed's individual guidelines but exhibitors will NOT select that class during entries.

Belted Galloway Rules

1. Make entries through American Royal online system at www.americanroyal.com.

2. Exhibitors must be members in good standing of the U.S. Belted Galloway Society, Inc.

3. Animals must be registered or recorded in Belted Galloway Society Herd Book or other Society recognized Herd Book.

4. Animals must be in good physical condition and typical of the breed in conformation. “Good physical condition” shall include but not be limited to the absence of any infectious condition such as ringworm or warts.

5. Original registration or recordation papers will be required at check in. Any animal without a legible tattoo will not be allowed to show.

6. Females that are 26 months or younger are eligible to show in the heifer classes. Females that are 27 months of age or older must show in the Cow/Calf class with a calf at side. Calves exhibited in the cow/calf class cannot be over 230 days of age. All cows must be lactating, and all calves must be nursing.

7. Animals must be purebred and registered in the herd book to qualify for the pureblood show. Pureblood, properly marked heifers, Pureblood Bulls, pureblood steers, and purebred mismarked heifers.

8. Percentage Belted Galloway animals must be recorded in the herd book to be eligible to be exhibited in the percentage Belted Galloway show, which would include percentage heifers and steers.

9. Percentage steers and heifers may not be exhibited in group classes.

10. The order of the show will be purebred, properly marked heifers, cow/calf, and group classes, followed by purebred steers, percentage steers, purebred mis-marked heifers and percentage heifers.

11. The Show committee reserves the right to disqualify any animal that has been fitted in an unethical manner. Unethical fitting shall include any injection of gas, solid, or liquid under the skin to alter conformation, any additions of artificial tail heads or polls, any surgical alteration of the animal's shape, as well as any dyeing of coloring which alters the animal's natural color pattern. Artificially filling animals internally (pumping) is strictly prohibited.

12. Protests will be made in writing and submitted to the show committee with the protest fee attached, within 24 of the show.

13. Exhibitors are responsible for making sure entries are in the staging area before their classes are called. Exhibitors that do not enter the showring within 3 minutes of the announcer's final call, forfeit the right to compete in that class.

14. Interference with or disrespect shown to the judge by any exhibitor during the performance of the judge's duties shall be deemed grounds for immediate disqualification.

15. Exhibitors must obey all rules of the Belted Galloway Society, Inc., and of the show they are attending, or be disqualified. Failure of exhibitors to follow the rules and release times shall not be allowed back the next year.

16. The Show committee reserves the right to split over-enrolled classes, or under-enrolled classes.

Classes

Show management reserves the right to split large classes if deemed necessary, in which case premium monies may be split.

Females

1. Summer Heifer Calves, calved on July 1, 2026 or after

2. Late Spring Heifer Calves, calved May 1 – June 30, 2026

3. Early Spring Heifer Calves, calved March 1 – April 30, 2026

4. Junior Heifer Calves, calved January 1 – February 28, 2026

Champion Junior Heifer Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf - Rosette

5. Winter Heifer Calves, calved November 1 – December 31, 2025

6. Senior Heifer Calves, calved September 1 – October 31, 2025

Champion Senior Heifer Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf- Rosette

7. Late Summer Yearling Heifers, calved July 1-August 31, 2025

8. Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May 1-June 30, 2025

Champion Intermediate Heifer-Rosette
Reserve Champion Intermediate Heifer-Rosette

9. Late Spring Yearling Heifers, calved April 1 – April 30, 2025

10. Spring Yearling Heifers, calved March 1 – March. 31, 2025

11. Junior Yearling Heifers, calved January 1-February 28, 2025

Champion Junior Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer- Rosette

12. Fall Heifers, calved November 1-December 31, 2023

13. Senior Heifers, calved August 1-October 30, 2023

Champion Senior Female- Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Female- Rosette

Grand Champion Female- Banner, Rosette
Reserve Champion Female- Banner, Rosette

14. Cow-Calf: Cow calved July 30, 2026 and before. Calf must be cow's natural calf, not embryo transplant. Calf has to be no more than 230 days of age by day of the show. Calf is eligible for individual classes if entered in appropriate age class and fee is paid. Pair is not eligible for Grand or Reserve Grand Champion Female.

Champion Cow-Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Cow-Calf – Rosette

Purebred Steers

15. Club Calf Steer, calved after January 1, 2026

16. Feeder Steer, calved in 2025 and under 850lbs.

17. Finished Steer, calved after January 1, 2025 and over 851lbs

Champion Purebred Steer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Purebred Steer- Rosette

Champion Percentage Steer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Percentage Steer- Rosette

Group Classes

18. Get of Sire- Three (3) animals all to be the progeny of one sire.

19. Produce of Dam- Two animals with the same dam

20. Best of Four Head- Four head represented in any configuration

- Only purebred, Belted Galloways can be shown in group classes, no percentage animals. Purebred steers are allowed.
- All animals shown in group classes must be owned or co-owned by exhibitor by September 10, 2026.
- All animals shown in group classes must have been entered in previous classes

Belted Galloway Open Show

Superintendent:
Jamie Wilkerson and Emily Wilkerson

Wednesday, September 10th
Entry Deadline

Thursday, October 10th
1:00 p.m. Earliest Arrival

Saturday, October 12th
8:00 a.m. Arrival Deadline

Sunday, October 13th
8:00 a.m. Belted Galloway Junior/Open Show – East Side Hale Arena
All cattle released immediately following the show

Sunday, October 26th
***Following completion of Simmental and Hereford Shows**
Supreme Champion Bull Show
Supreme Champion Open Female Show

Entry Fee:
$ 95 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)

Entries

- New in 2026 – All cattle classes will be labeled as the following at the time of entries:
  - 1 Heifer
  - 2 Cow/Calf
  - 3 Bulls
- Classes will still be broken by age based on each breed's individual guidelines but exhibitors will NOT select that class during entries.

Belted Galloway Rules

17. Make entries through American Royal online system at www.americanroyal.com.

18. Exhibitors must be members in good standing of the U.S. Belted Galloway Society, Inc.

19. Animals must be registered or recorded in Belted Galloway Society Herd Book or other Society recognized Herd Book.

20. Animals must be in good physical condition and typical of the breed in conformation. “Good physical condition” shall include but not be limited to the absence of any infectious condition such as ringworm or warts.

21. Original registration or recordation papers will be required at check in. Any animal without a legible tattoo will not be allowed to show.

22. Bull over 12 months of age are required to wear a nose ring, either temporary or permanent, and must have a lead attached when being lead.

23. All bulls exhibited must have two descended testicles. No cryptorchids will be allowed.

24. Bulls exhibited at 16 months of age or older must be accompanied by a certificate documenting they have passed a bull soundness exam.

25. Females that are 26 months or younger are eligible to show in the heifer classes. Females that are 27 months of age or older must show in the Cow/Calf class with a calf at side. Calves exhibited in the cow/calf class cannot be over 230 days of age. All cows must be lactating, and all calves must be nursing.

26. Animals must be purebred and registered in the herd book to qualify for the pureblood show. Pureblood, properly marked heifers, Pureblood Bulls, pureblood steers, and purebred mismarked heifers.

27. Percentage Belted Galloway animals must be recorded in the herd book to be eligible to be exhibited in the percentage Belted Galloway show, which would include percentage heifers and steers.

28. Percentage steers and heifers may be not be exhibited in group classes.

29. The order of the show will be purebred, properly marked heifers, cow/calf, bulls, and group classes, followed by purebred steers, percentage steers, purebred mis-marked heifers and percentage heifers.

30. The Show committee reserves the right to disqualify any animal that has been fitted in an unethical manner. Unethical fitting shall include any injection of gas, solid, or liquid under the skin to alter conformation, any additions of artificial tail heads or polls, any surgical alteration of the animal’s shape, as well as any dyeing of coloring which alters the animal’s natural color pattern. Artificially filling animals internally (pumping) is strictly prohibited.

31. Protests will be made in writing and submitted to the show committee with the protest fee attached, within 24 of the show.

32. Exhibitors are responsible for making sure entries are in the staging area before their classes are called. Exhibitors that do not enter the showring within 3 minutes of the announcer’s final call, forfeit the right to compete in that class.

33. Interference with or disrespect shown to the judge by any exhibitor during the performance of the judge’s duties shall be deemed grounds for immediate disqualification.

34. Exhibitors must obey all rules of the Belted Galloway Society, Inc., and of the show they are attending, or be disqualified. Failure of exhibitors to follow the rules and release times shall not be allowed back the next year.

35. The Show committee reserves the right to split over-enrolled classes, or under-enrolled classes.

Classes

Show management reserves the right to split large classes if deemed necessary, in which case premium monies may be split.

Females

21. Summer Heifer Calves, calved on July 1, 2026 or after

22. Late Spring Heifer Calves, calved May 1 – June 30, 2026

23. Early Spring Heifer Calves, calved March 1 – April 30, 2026

24. Junior Heifer Calves, calved January 1 – February 28, 2026

Champion Junior Heifer Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf - Rosette

25. Winter Heifer Calves, calved November 1 – December 31, 2025

26. Senior Heifer Calves, calved September 1 – October 31, 2025

Champion Senior Heifer Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf- Rosette

27. Late Summer Yearling Heifers, calved July 1-August 31, 2025

28. Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May 1-June 30, 2025

Champion Intermediate Heifer-Rosette
Reserve Champion Intermediate Heifer-Rosette

29. Late Spring Yearling Heifers, calved April 1 – April 30, 2025

30. Spring Yearling Heifers, calved March 1 – March. 31, 2025

31. Junior Yearling Heifers, calved January 1-February 28, 2025

Champion Junior Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer- Rosette

32. Fall Heifers, calved November 1-December 31, 2023

33. Senior Heifers, calved August 1-October 30, 2023

Champion Senior Female- Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Female- Rosette

Grand Champion Female- Banner, Rosette
Reserve Champion Female- Banner, Rosette

34. Cow-Calf: Cow calved July 30, 2026 and before. Calf must be cow's natural calf, not embryo transplant. Calf has to be no more than 230 days of age by day of the show. Calf is eligible for individual classes if entered in appropriate age class and fee is paid. Pair is not eligible for Grand or Reserve Grand Champion Female.

Champion Cow-Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Cow-Calf – Rosette

Bulls

35. Late Summer Bull Calves, calved July 1, 2026 or after

36. Early Summer Bull Calves, calved May 1- June 30, 2026

37. Spring Bull Calves, calved March 1 – April 30, 2026

38. Junior Bull Calves, calved January 1-February 28, 2026

Champion Junior Bull Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Bull Calf - Rosette

39. Winter Bull Calves, calved November 1- December 31, 2025

40. Senior Bull Calves, calved September 1- October 30, 2025

Champion Senior Bull Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Bull Calf - Rosette

41. Late Summer Yearling Bull, calved July 1- August 31, 2025

42. Summer Yearling Bull, calved May 1- June 30, 2025

Champion Summer Bull- Rosette
Reserve Champion Summer Bull- Rosette

43. Spring Yearling Bull, calved March 1-April 30, 2025

44. Junior Yearling Bull, calved January 1-February 28, 2025

Champion Yearling Bull- Rosette
Reserve Champion Yearling Bull- Rosette

45. Senior Yearling Bull, calved September 1- December 31, 2023

46. Summer Senior Yearling Bull, calved May 1, 2022-August 31, 2023

47. Two-Year-Old Bull, calved January 1, 2022– April 30, 2023

Champion Senior Bull- Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Bull- Rosette

Grand Champion Bull- Banner, Rosette
Reserve Champion Bull- Banner, Rosette

Purebred Steers

48. Club Calf Steer, calved after January 1, 2026

49. Feeder Steer, calved in 2025 and under 850lbs.

50. Finished Steer, calved after January 1, 2025 and over 851lbs

Champion Purebred Steer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Purebred Steer- Rosette

Champion Percentage Steer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Percentage Steer- Rosette

Group Classes

51. Get of Sire- Three (3) animals all to be the progeny of one sire.

52. Produce of Dam- Two animals with the same dam

53. Best of Four Head- Four head represented in any configuration

- Only purebred, Belted Galloways can be shown in group classes, no percentage animals. Purebred steers are allowed.
- All animals shown in group classes must be owned or co-owned by exhibitor by September 10, 2026.
- All animals shown in group classes must have been entered in previous classes

Braunvieh Junior Heifers

Superintendent:
Marilyn Brink, Brink Livestock
Piedmont, Kansas

Entry Fee:
$ 95.00 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)

Showmanship Entry Fee:
(If included with entry) $10.00
(At time of check-in) $30.00

$1,000 in Premiums

American Royal Association	$500
Braunvieh Association of America	$500
	$1,000

Entries

- New in 2026 – All cattle classes will be labeled as the following at the time of entries:
  - 1 Heifer
  - 2 Cow/Calf
  - 3 Bulls
- Classes will still be broken by age based on each breed's individual guidelines but exhibitors will NOT select that class during entries.

All general rules & regulations for the American Royal Livestock Show apply.

Braunvieh Rules

1. All rules of the junior breeding division apply.

2. Animals competing in the Braunvieh Show must be duly registered in the BAA Herd Book. A copy of the registration may be used for Braunvieh check-in. Any heifer not bearing a legible tattoo matching its registration paper is ineligible to show.

3. Heifers must be owned and registered solely in the junior exhibitor's name by Sept. 10, 2026. Animals registered in a family name or two or more juniors' names are not eligible to show in the junior show. This applies even if an animal is registered in a farm or ranch name and the junior member is the only person listed on that membership.

4. All animals exhibited must have a DNA profile on file with the Braunvieh Association of America. A DNA sample on the subject animal must be received by the BAA or BAA representative prior to the show

5. All animals exhibited must have a known Braunvieh dam or sire and are subject to DNA verification.

6. Animals must be Fullblood or Purebred to qualify for the FB/PB Braunvieh Show. Braunvieh Beef Builders will be shown in a separate Beef Builder Show. Cattle recorded as "Braunvieh Influence" with a "BI" prefix are not eligible.

7. Heifers exhibited at 20 months of age or older must be pregnant and accompanied by a certificate of pregnancy by a licensed veterinarian or show with a natural calf at side. For heifers used in embryo transfer, a certificate of positive fertility issued by a licensed veterinarian must be available for inspection. Any protest on pregnancy will be handled with a blood test to prove pregnancy status.

8. Altering animals natural color will not be allowed. Violation will result in disqualification.

9. No cosmetic surgeries other than surgical dehorning will be allowed. Violation will result in disqualification.

10. Only generally accepted fitting practices will be allowed. Violation will be cause for disqualification. Show committee will make a ruling on a case-by-case basis. Animals disqualified will forfeit entry fees and awards. Appeals will be forwarded to ethics committee and Executive Vice President. Decision of ethics committee and Executive Vice President will be final.

11. Heifers that show in this division are not eligible for any other breed show except for the open Beef Builder/Braunvieh shows.

12. Show management reserves the right to break large classes if deemed necessary, in which case the monies may be split.

13. Exhibitors of the Champion Braunvieh Junior Heifer qualifies to show in the Supreme Heifer Drive. Any exhibitor choosing not to compete as the breed champion will not receive a scholarship and that breed will not be represented in the Supreme Champion line-up. Exhibitors of these champions should be present to show their own animal(s) unless prior permission is given by show management.

Age Requirement

Braunvieh Junior Heifer Exhibitors must be between 7 years old and are not over 21 years old on January 1st of the year in which the activities are scheduled. Special arrangements can be made beforehand for exhibitors that may need assistance while in the show ring.

ANIMALS RECORDED IN MORE THAN ONE BREED REGISTRY MAY ONLY SHOW IN ONE BREED SHOW. ANIMALS MUST SHOW IN THE SAME BREED IN THE OPEN AND JUNIOR SHOW, IF ELIGIBLE.

Classes

Beef Builder Percentage Heifers

1. Junior Heifer Calves, calved January 1, 2026 or after
   $40 $35 $25

2. Senior Heifer Calves, calved September 1- December 31, 2025
   $40 $35 $25

Champion Heifer Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion Heifer Calf- Rosette

3. Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May 1- August 31, 2025
   $40 $35 $25

4. Junior Yearling Heifers, calved January 1- April 30, 2025
   $40 $35 $25

Champion Yearling Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Yearling Heifer- Rosette

5. Senior Yearling Heifers, calved September 1- December 31, 2023
   $40 $35 $25

Champion Senior Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer- Rosette

Grand Champion Beef Builder Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Beef Builder Heifer- Rosette

Braunvieh Heifers

6. Junior Heifer Calves, calved January 1, 2026 or after
   $40 $35 $25

7. Winter Heifer Calves, calved November 1 – December 31, 2025
   $40 $35 $25

8. Senior Heifer Calves, calved September 1 – October 31, 2025
   $40 $35 $25

Champion Heifer Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion Heifer Calf- Rosette

9. Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May 1- August 31, 2025
   $40 $35 $25

10. Spring Yearling Heifers, calved March 1-April 30, 2025
    $40 $35 $25

11. Junior Yearling Heifers, calved January 1- February 28, 2025
    $40 $35 $25

Champion Yearling Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Yearling Heifer- Rosette

12. Senior Yearling Heifers, calved September 1- December 31, 2023
    $40 $35 $25

Champion Senior Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer- Rosette

Grand Champion Braunvieh Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Braunvieh Heifer- Rosette

Supreme Champion Junior Breeding Heifer

The Grand Champion Braunvieh Junior Heifer is qualified to compete for the Supreme Champion Junior Breeding Heifer of the 2026 American Royal Livestock Show on Sunday, October 26th, 2026. The Supreme Champion will receive a $10,000 scholarship and the remaining breed champions exhibited will each receive a $500 or $1000 scholarship based on number of heifers shown over a 5 year average.

Scholarships are presented only for advanced educational purposes of the winners. The sums assigned annually as scholarships will be maintained by the American Royal until such time as the recipients have enrolled and demonstrate that said recipients have enrolled and demonstrate that said funds will be directed to scholarship purposes. These scholarships are non-transferable. The funds shall be paid directly to the college or institution of advanced learning and/or training as approved by the Executive Committee of the American Royal.

Braunvieh Open Show

Superintendent:
Marilyn Brink, Brink Livestock
Piedmont, Kansas

Entry Fee:
$100 per head

(Inclluding bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)

$3,000 in Premiums

American Royal Association	$1,500
Braunvieh Association of America	$1,500
	$3,000

Entries

- New in 2026 – All cattle classes will be labeled as the following at the time of entries:
  - 1 Heifer
  - 2 Cow/Calf
  - 3 Bulls
- Classes will still be broken by age based on each breed's individual guidelines but exhibitors will NOT select that class during entries.

Braunvieh Open Show

The Braunvieh Association of America's portion of the premiums is paid to the American Royal to be included in their premium checks to the exhibitors.

Braunvieh Rules

1. American Royal entry forms, submitted online by September 10th, 2026.

2. The American Royal will keep $ 95 of the per head entry fee and the balance will be remitted to the Association to be used for premiums.

3. The rules of the Braunvieh Association of America (BAA) and American Royal Livestock Show will govern the show.

4. Animals competing in the Braunvieh Show must be duly registered in the BAA Herd Book. A copy of the registration may be used for Braunvieh check-in. Each animal must bear a legible tattoo matching its registration paper.

5. All animals exhibited must have a DNA sample on file with the Braunvieh Association of America. A hair, tissue, or blood sample on the subject animal must be received by the BAA or BAA representative prior to the show. Nursing calves showing only at side of their dam are exempt from the DNA requirement. If nursing calves show in individual classes, they must have a DNA sample on file.

6. All animals exhibited must have a known Braunvieh dam or sire and are subject to DNA verification.

7. Animals must be Fullblood or Purebred to qualify for the FB/PB Braunvieh Show. Braunvieh Beef Builders will be shown in a separate Beef Builder Show. Cattle recorded as “Braunvieh Influence” with a “BI” prefix are not eligible.

8. The BAA reserves the right to provide the judge and audience with the Expected Progeny Difference (EPD) values, ultrasound data (collected by a certified technician), scrotal circumference for bulls, weights and ratios for performance and weights with weight-per-day of age. Performance figures, (including weights, hip heights, and frame scores), can be presented in their entirety or any combination deemed necessary by the BAA.

9. Heifers born Sept. 1, 2023, and after will show in the heifer show but can show with natural calves at side and still be eligible to show for champion female/heifer.

10. Heifers exhibited at 20 months of age or older (not females in cow/calf class) must be pregnant and accompanied by a certificate of pregnancy by a licensed veterinarian, or show with a natural calf at side. For heifers used in embryo transfer, a certificate of positive fertility issued by a licensed veterinarian must be available for inspection. Any protest on pregnancy will be handled with a blood test to prove the pregnancy status.

11. Females born on or prior to Aug. 30, 2023, must show in the cow/calf class with a natural born calf at side. The pair will not be eligible for champion female/heifer. The registration status of the cow (FB/PB or Beef Builder) will determine the division the pair shows in. Calves from the cow/calf class can be no more than 230 days of age by date of show and calves can also be entered as individuals in the show (additional entry fee).

12. Bulls exhibited at 14 months of age or older must have a positive semen test and a certificate to that effect. The certificate must be available for inspection. Bulls 12 months and older must be shown with a nose lead.

13. Altering animals’ natural color will not be allowed, violation will result in disqualification.

14. No cosmetic surgeries other than surgical dehorning will be allowed, violation will be cause for disqualification.

15. Only generally accepted fitting practices will be allowed.

16. Protests can be made to the Show committee with a $150.00 protest fee, within 24 hours of the show or prior to release, whichever is first, in writing to BAA staff or show committee members. Show committee will make rulings on a case-by-case basis. Animals disqualified will forfeit entry fees, awards and show points. If ruling in favor of protest, fee will be refunded. If ruling against, the fee will be forfeited.

17. Appeals can be made to the Show committee with a $150.00 appeal fee. Appeals will be forwarded with all information to the ethics committee and Executive Vice President. If appeal is granted, fee will be returned with reinstatement of show points and any other forfeited entry fees and awards. If appeal is denied, fee will be forfeited.
18. Decision of ethics committee and Executive Vice President will be final.

19. Any person found guilty of misrepresentation, or not abiding by the show rules, will be disqualified, and denied the privilege of showing.

20. Entry in this show binds exhibitor to all regulations pertaining thereto.

21. All American Royal rules apply.

Premiums

First place in each individual class will receive $60.00. 2nd and 3rd place premiums will be paid based on the number of entries. The American Royal awards ribbons to the prize winners in class, rosettes to the division champions, and banners to the grand champions.

Show management reserves the right to split large classes if deemed necessary, in which case premium monies may be split.

Classes

Beef Builder Braunvieh Show

Beef Builder Females

1. Late Spring Heifer Calves, calved April 1, 2026 or after

2. Early Spring Heifer Calves, calved March 1 – March 31, 2026

3. Late Junior Heifer Calves, calved February 1- February 28, 2026

4. Early Junior Heifer Calves, calved January 1- January 31, 2026

Champion Beef Builder Junior Heifer Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion Beef Builder Junior Heifer Calf- Rosette

5. Winter Heifer Calves, calved November 1 – December 31, 2025

6. Senior Heifer Calves, calved September 1 – October 30, 2025

Champion Beef Builder Senior Heifer Calf – Rosette
Reserve Beef Builder Senior Heifer Calf- Rosette

7. Late Summer Yearling Heifers, calved July 1-August 31, 2025

8. Early Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May 1-June 30, 2025

Champion Beef Builder Intermediate Heifer-Rosette
Reserve Champion Beef Builder Intermediate Heifer -Rosette

9. Spring Yearling Heifers, calved March 1 – April 30, 2025

10. Junior Yearling Heifers, calved January 1 – February 28, 2025

Champion Beef Builder Junior Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Beef Builder Junior Heifer- Rosette

11. Senior Yearling Heifers, calved September 1 - December 31, 2023

Grand Champion Beef Builder Senior Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Beef Builder Senior Heifer- Rosette

Grand Champion Beef Builder Female- Banner, Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Beef Builder Female- Banner, Rosette

12. Cow-Calf Pairs – Cows calved on or prior to Aug. 31, 2023. Calf must be cow's natural calf and no more than 230 days of age on date of show. Cow and/or calf may be included in group classes as individuals, not as a pair comprising a single unit.

Champion Beef Builder Cow-Calf – Banner, Rosette
Reserve Champion Beef Builder Cow-Calf- Banner, Rosette

Beef Builder Bulls

13. Spring Bull Calves, calved March 1, 2026 or after

14. Junior Bull Calves, calved January 1- February 28, 2026

Champion Beef Builder Junior Bull Calf – Rosette
Reserve Champion Beef Builder Junior Bull Calf- Rosette

15. Winter Bull Calves, calved November 1- December 31, 2025

16. Senior Bull Calves, calved September 1- October 31, 2025

Champion Beef Builder Senior Bull Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion Beef Builder Senior Bull Calf- Rosette

17. Late Summer Yearling Bull, calved July 1- August 31, 2025

18. Early Summer Yearling Bull, calved May 1- June 30, 2025

Champion Beef Builder Intermediate Bull- Rosette
Reserve Champion Beef Builder Intermediate Bull- Rosette

19. Spring Yearling Bull, calved March 1-April 30, 2025

20. Junior Yearling Bull, calved January 1-February 28, 2025

Champion Beef Builder Junior Bull- Rosette
Reserve Champion Beef Builder Junior Bull- Rosette

21. Senior Yearling Bull, calved September 1- December 31, 2023

22. Two-Year-Old Bull, calved January 1 – August 31, 2023

Champion Beef Builder Senior Bull- Rosette
Reserve Champion Beef Builder Senior Bull- Rosette

Grand Champion Beef Builder Bull- Banner, Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Beef Builder Bull- Banner, Rosette

Fullblood/Purebred Braunvieh Show

Fullblood/Purebred Females

23. Late Spring Heifer Calves, calved April 1, 2026 or after

24. Early Spring Heifer Calves, calved March 1 – 31, 2026

25. Late Junior Heifer Calves, calved February 1 – 28, 2026

26. Early Junior Heifer Calves, calved January 1 – 31, 2026

Champion FB/PB Junior Heifer Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion FB/PB Junior Heifer Calf – Rosette

27. Winter Heifer Calves, calved November 1 – December 31, 2025

28. Senior Heifer Calves, calved September 1 – October 30, 2025

Champion FB/PB Senior Heifer Calf- Rosette
Reserve FB/PB Senior Heifer Calf- Rosette

29. Late Summer Yearling Heifers, calved July 1-August 31, 2025

30. Early Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May 1-June 30, 2025

Champion FB/PB Intermediate Heifer-Rosette
Reserve Champion FB/PB Intermediate Heifer-Rosette

31. Spring Yearling Heifers, calved March 1 – April 30, 2025

32. Junior Yearling Heifers, calved January 1 – February 28, 2025

Champion FB/PB Junior Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion FB/PB Junior Heifer- Rosette

33. Senior Yearling Female, calved September 1 – December 31, 2023.

Champion FB/PB Senior Female- Rosette
Reserve Champion FB/PB Senior Female- Rosette
Grand Champion Fullblood/Purebred Female- Banner, Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Fullblood/Purebred Female- Banner, Rosette

34. Cow-Calf Pairs – Cows calved on or prior to Aug. 31, 2023. Calf must be cow's natural calf and no more than 230 days of age on date of show. Cow and/or calf may be included in group classes as individuals, not as a pair comprising a single unit.

Cow-Calf Fullblood/Purebred Champion- Banner, Rosette
Reserve Cow-Calf Fullblood/Purebred Champion- Banner, Rosette

Fullblood/Purebred Bulls

35. Spring Bull Calves, calved March 1, 2026 or after

36. Junior Bull Calves, calved January 1- February 28, 2026

Champion FB/PB Junior Bull Calf – Rosette
Reserve Champion FB/PB Junior Bull Calf- Rosette

37. Winter Bull Calves, calved November 1- December 31, 2025

38. Senior Bull Calves, calved September 1- October 31, 2025

Champion FB/PB Senior Bull Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion FB/PB Senior Bull Calf- Rosette

39. Late Summer Yearling Bull, calved July 1- August 31, 2025

40. Early Summer Yearling Bull, calved May 1- June 30, 2025

Champion FB/PB Intermediate Bull- Rosette
Reserve Champion FB/PB Intermediate Bull- Rosette

41. Spring Yearling Bull, calved March 1-April 30, 2025

42. Junior Yearling Bull, calved January 1-February 28, 2025

Champion FB/PB Junior Bull- Rosette
Reserve Champion FB/PB Junior Bull- Rosette

43. Senior Yearling Bull, calved September 1- December 31, 2023

44. Two-Year-Old Bull, calved January 1 – August 31, 2023

Champion FB/PB Senior Bull- Rosette
Reserve Champion FB/PB Senior Bull- Rosette

Grand Champion Fullblood/Purebred Bull- Banner, Rosette
Reserve Champion Fullblood/Purebred Bull- Banner, Rosette

Group Classes – May include Beef Builder and/or Fullblood/Purebreds

Group Classes may include Beef Builders and/or Fullblood/Purebreds. All animals must be shown in their individual classes to be eligible. Cow and/or calf may be included in group classes as individuals, not as a pair.

45 Produce-of-Dam: Two animals, either sex, both from one registered Braunvieh or Beef Builder dam, may be owned by one or more exhibitors.

46 Get-of-Sire: Three animals, either sex, all by one registered Braunvieh or Beef Builder sire, may be owned by more than one exhibitor.

47 Breeder's Best Four Head: Four animals, either or both sexes, bred by one breeder. Not necessarily owned by the breeder or one exhibitor. Cattle bred by a junior member may be included if the breeder of the Best Four Head is an individual or married couple and is the parent or legal guardian of the junior member.

Braunvieh Junior Heifer Show information is located in the Braunvieh Junior Heifer section.

Charolais Junior Heifers

Superintendent:
David Hobbs, Kansas City, MO

Entry Fee:
$ 95.00 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)

Showmanship Entry Fee:
(If included with entry) $10.00
(At time of check-in) $30.00

$1,350 in Premiums

American Royal Association	$675
American- International Charolais Association	$675
	$1,350

Entries

- New in 2026 – All cattle classes will be labeled as the following at the time of entries:
  - 1 Heifer
  - 2 Cow/Calf
  - 3 Bulls
- Classes will still be broken by age based on each breed's individual guidelines but exhibitors will NOT select that class during entries.

All general rules & regulations for the American Royal Livestock Show apply.

Charolais Rules

1. All rules of the Junior Breeding Division apply.

2. Any heifer not bearing a legible tattoo is ineligible to show and tattoo must match registration papers. This tattoo must be listed on the entry form.

3. Heifers must be registered solely in the junior exhibitor's name on or before September 10th, 2026. Animals registered in the family name or two or more juniors' names are not eligible to show in the junior show. This applies even if an animal is registered in a farm or ranch name and the junior member is the only person listed on that membership. Bred and owned animals must be owned solely by the junior exhibitor on or before September 10th, 2026.

4. Heifers will show by age in the classes listed below.

5. Show management reserves the right to break large classes if deemed necessary, in which case the monies may be split.

6. Cow-Calf: Calf must be cow's natural calf, not embryo transplant. Calf to be no more than 250 days of age by day of show. Calf must be purebred and registered with the AICA. No age restriction on cow. Calf is not eligible to compete in individual class. Pair is eligible for Grand or Reserve Grand Champion Heifer.

   Note: Will not offer a Cow-Calf class for the Percentage Charolais Junior Heifer Show.

Special Rules

1. Exhibitors must comply with AICA rules. All rules of the American Royal will apply. Exhibitors must be members of the American-International Junior Charolais Association. To be eligible for the open Charolais show, exhibitors must comply with open show regulations including guidelines for entry, arrival, and release.

2. The use of coloring agent and/or powder is prohibited. Use of these produces will result in immediate disqualification.

3. **Charolais heifers must be purebred and registered with the American-International Charolais Association.**

4. Percentage Charolais heifers must be composed of at least 50% and no more than 15/16 Charolais Percentage. Heifers must have a certificate of Recordation with the American International Charolais Association.

Age Requirement

Charolais junior heifer exhibitors will follow the Junior Association age requirements. Exhibitors must be 8 years old by September 10th and 21 years old as of January 1st. Special arrangements can be made beforehand for exhibitors that may need assistance while in the show ring.

ANIMALS RECORDED IN MORE THAN ONE BREED REGISTRY MAY ONLY SHOW IN ONE BREED SHOW. ANIMALS MUST SHOW IN THE SAME BREED IN THE OPEN AND JUNIOR SHOW, IF ELIGIBLE.

Classes

1. Late Junior Heifer Calves, calved March 1, 2026 or after
   $50 $40 $25

2. Early Junior Heifer Calves, calved January 1- February 29, 2026
   $50 $40 $25

Champion Junior Heifer Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf- Rosette

3. Winter Heifer Calves, calved November 1- December 31, 2025
   $50 $40 $25

4. Senior Heifer Calves, calved September 1- October 31, 2025
   $50 $40 $25

Champion Senior Heifer Calf- Rosette

Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf- Rosette

5. Late Summer Yearling Heifers, calved July 1- August 31, 2025
   $50 $40 $25

6. Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May 1- June 30, 2025
   $50 $40 $25

Champion Intermediate Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Intermediate Heifer- Rosette

7. Late Spring Yearling Heifers, calved April 1- April 30, 2025
   $50 $40 $25

8. Spring Yearling Heifers, calved March 1- March 31, 2025
   $50 $40 $25

Champion Junior Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer- Rosette

9. Junior Yearling Heifers, calved January 1- February 28, 2025
   $50 $40 $25

10. Senior Yearling Heifers, calved September 1- December 31, 2023
    $50 $40 $25

Champion Senior Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer- Rosette

11. Cow/Calf, cows older than September 1, 2023 with calf at side

Champion Cow/Calf – Rosette
Reserve Champion Cow/Calf - Rosette

Grand Champion Charolais Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Charolais Heifer- Rosette

Percentage Charolais

12. Late Junior Heifer Calves, calved March 1, 2026 or after

13. Early Junior Heifer Calves, calved January 1- February 28, 2026

Champion Junior Heifer Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf- Rosette

14. Winter Heifer Calves, calved November 1- December 31, 2025

15. Senior Heifer Calves, calved September 1- October 31, 2025

Champion Senior Heifer Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf- Rosette

16. Late Summer Yearling Heifers, calved July 1- August 31, 2025

17. Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May 1- June 30, 2025

Champion Intermediate Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Intermediate Heifer- Rosette

18. Late Spring Yearling Heifers, calved April 1- April 30, 2025

19. Spring Yearling Heifers, calved March 1- March 31, 2025

Champion Junior Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer- Rosette

20. Junior Yearling Heifers, calved January 1- February 28, 2025

21. Senior Yearling Heifers, calved September 1- December 31, 2023

Champion Senior Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer- Rosette

Grand Champion Charolais Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Charolais Heifer- Rosette

Supreme Champion Junior Breeding Heifer

The Grand Champion Charolais Heifer and the Grand Champion Percentage Charolais Heifer are qualified and expected to compete for the Supreme Champion Junior Breeding Heifer of the 2026 American Royal Livestock Show on Sunday, October 26th, 2026. The Supreme Champion will receive a $10,000 scholarship and the remaining breed champions exhibited will each receive a $500 or $1000 scholarship based on number of heifers shown over a 5 year average. The American Charolais Foundation J. Neil Orth Leadership Fund provides the scholarship for the Grand Champion Percentage Charolais Heifer.

Scholarships are presented only for advanced educational purposes of the winners. The sums assigned annually as scholarships will be maintained by the American Royal until such time as the recipients have enrolled and demonstrate that said recipients have enrolled and demonstrate that said funds will be directed to scholarship purposes. These scholarships are non-transferable. The funds shall be paid directly to the college or institution of advanced learning and/or training as approved by the Executive Committee of the American Royal.

National Roll of Excellence Charolais Show

Superintendent:
David Hobbs, Kansas City, MO

Entry Fee:
$ 95.00 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)

$10,000 in Premiums

American Royal Association	$5,000
American-International Charolais Assoc.	$5,000
	$10,000

The American-International Charolais Association's portion of the premiums is paid to the American Royal to be included in their premium checks to exhibitors.

Entries

- New in 2026 – All cattle classes will be labeled as the following at the time of entries:
  - 1 Heifer
  - 2 Cow/Calf
  - 3 Bulls
- Classes will still be broken by age based on each breed's individual guidelines but exhibitors will NOT select that class during entries.

National Roll of Excellence Charolais Show
Special Rules

All animals to be eligible for an Open Charolais Breeding Class must be purebred and registered with the American-International Charolais Association (AICA). Only bona fide (original) certificates of registration will be accepted as evidence of registration and ownership; NO PHOTOCOPIES.

An animal is eligible to enter or compete in an open Charolais breeding class if registered in country of origin outside the United States and is eligible for purebred registry in the AICA Herdbook.

Animals registered in the AICA Colored Division Registry (QF and QM initialed registration numbers) must meet the qualifications of the AICA rules and regulations.

All animals to be eligible may be approved by a sifting committee designated by the AICA. Stall space will not be provided for any Charolais cattle that have not been accepted by the sifting committee.

All animals are subject to a medical examination in order to determine age, and each animal will be present in the show ring in its natural conformation without alteration or modification. Use of artificial tailheads is not permitted.

Any animal not having a legible tattoo or firebrand number is ineligible and will be barred from showing.

Bulls from classes 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24 must have a valid, satisfactory semen test certificate in possession. This certificate is valid for the entire show season.

All animals shown in individual classes must be weaned, with the exception of the Cow-Calf Class and calves at the side of females calved after September 1, 2023. Calves at side must be purebred and registered with the AICA. Females calved after September 1, 2023, must show in individual female class appropriate to age. Nurse cows are not permitted.

All females 20 months and older exhibited at AICA sanctioned shows must be accompanied by a certificate of pregnancy from a licensed veterinarian or have produced fertile eggs as certified in a written statement by a licensed veterinarian or embryologist or have a calf at side.

AICA requires that all animals be shown with a halter and suggest that all bulls be shown with a nose lead.

ALL EXHIBITS OF CHAROLAIS BREEDING CATTLE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE AICA RULES AND REGULATIONS, ARTICLE XV, TITLED EXHIBITION OF ANIMALS. THE INSPECTION OF EXHIBIT CATTLE IS SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE XV, PARAGRAPH C, OF THE ASSOCIATION RULES AND REGULATIONS AND NON-COMPLIANCE OF EXHIBIT INSPECTION IS SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH D OF THE SAME ARTICLE XV.

ARTICLE XV, PARAGRAPH B, POINT 2: “Each animal will be presented in the show ring in its natural conformation and structure without alteration or modification. Alteration or modification shall be defined to include any surgical, chemical, electrical or other including banding or other circulatory constriction) appearance change for cosmetic purpose, save only branding, tattooing, foot trimming or dehorning. The act of artificially filling animals internally, which would include stomach pumping, drench tubes, or any other method per os (by esophagus) is prohibited. Silicone injection or other injection for cosmetic purpose shall be prohibited. Anabolic steroid use shall likewise be prohibited and any animal testing positive for anabolic steroid or diuretic use shall be presumed to be altered and modified.”

Effective October 23, 2004, at any American-International Charolais Association (AICA) sanctioned show (including shows receiving AICA premium funding and/or qualifying as a Roll of Excellence Show), the use of a coloring agent, flock and powder is prohibited. Use of these products will result in the immediate disqualification of a given animal at such show.

If circumstances exist and / or allow, AICA reserves the right to split large individual classes after the check-in procedure is complete.

All Other Rules of American Royal Livestock Show Apply.

Classes

Females

1. Spring Heifer Calves, calved March 1, 2026 or after
   $100 $75 $50 $40

Champion Spring Calf Female- Rosette
Reserve Champion Spring Calf Female- Rosette

2. Junior Heifer Calves, calved January 1 – February 29, 2026
   $100 $75 $50 $40

Champion Junior Calf Female- Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Calf Female- Rosette

3. Winter Heifer Calves, calved November 1 – December 31, 2025
   $100 $75 $50 $40

4. Senior Heifer Calves, calved September 1- October 31, 2025
   $100 $75 $50 $40

Champion Senior Calf Female- Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Calf Female- Rosette

5. Late Summer Yearling Female, calved July 1- August 31, 2025
   $100 $75 $50 $40

6. Summer Yearling Females, calved May 1 – June 30, 2025
   $100 $75 $50 $40

Champion Intermediate Female- Rosette
Reserve Champion Intermediate Female- Rosette

7. Late Spring Yearling Females, calved April 1 – April 30, 2025
   $100 $75 $50 $40

8. Early Spring Yearling Females, calved March 1 – March 31, 2025
   $100 $75 $50 $40

Champion Spring Female- Rosette
Reserve Champion Spring Female- Rosette

9. Late Junior Yearling Females, calved February 1 - February 28, 2025
   $100 $75 $50 $40

10. Early Junior Yearling Females, calved January 1 – January 31, 2025
    $100 $75 $50 $40

Champion Junior Female
Reserve Champion Junior Female

11. Late Senior Yearling Females, calved November 1 – December 31, 2023
    $100 $75 $50 $40

12. Early Senior Yearling Females, calved September 1 – September 31, 2023
    $100 $75 $50 $40

Champion Senior Female- Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Female- Rosette

13. Cow-Calf- Calf must be cow's natural calf, not embryo transplant. Calf to be no more than 250 days of age by day of show. Calf must be purebred and registered with the AICA. No age restriction on cow. Calf not eligible to compete in individual classes if shown with dam. Pair is eligible for Grand or Reserve Grand Champion Female. Cow and/or calf may be included in group class entries as individual, not as a pair comprising a single animal unit.
    $100 $75 $50 $40

Champion Cow-Calf Pair- Rosette
Reserve Champion Cow-Calf Pair- Rosette

Grand Champion Female- Plaque/Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Female- Rosette

Bulls

14. Spring Bull Calves, calved March 1, 2026 or after
    $100 $75 $50 $40

Champion Spring Bull Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion Spring Bull Calf- Rosette

15. Junior Bull Calves, calved January 1 – February 28, 2026
    $100 $75 $50 $40

Champion Junior Bull Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Bull Calf- Rosette

16. Winter Bull Calves, calved November 1 – December 31, 2025
    $100 $75 $50 $40

17. Senior Bull Calves, calved September 1 – October 31, 2025
    $100 $75 $50 $40

Champion Senior Bull Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Bull Calf- Rosette

18. Late Summer Yearling Bulls, calved July 1 – August 31, 2025
    $100 $75 $50 $40

19. Summer Yearling Bulls, calved May 1 – June 30, 2025
    $100 $75 $50 $40

Champion Intermediate Bull- Rosette
Reserve Champion Intermediate Bull- Rosette

20. Spring Yearling Bulls, calved March 1 – April 30, 2025
    $100 $75 $50 $40

21. Junior Yearling Bulls, calved January 1 – February 28, 2025
    $100 $75 $50 $40

Champion Junior Bull- Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Bull- Rosette

22. Senior Yearling Bulls, calved September 1 – December 31, 2023
    $100 $75 $50 $40

23. Summer Senior Yearling Bulls, calved May 1 – August 31, 2023
    $100 $75 $50 $40

24. Two-Year-Old Bulls Calved January 1 – April 30, 2023
    $100 $75 $50 $40

Champion Senior Bull- Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Bull- Rosette

Grand Champion Bull- Plaque, Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Bull- Plaque, Rosette

Group Classes

25. Produce of Dam- two (2) animals, either sex, from one dam, must be shown in individual classes to be eligible. May be owned by more than one exhibitor.
    $100 $75

26. Junior Get-of-Sire- Three (3) animals, all by one sire, both sexes to be represented, may be owned by more than one exhibitor. All animals must be shown in individual classes to be eligible. Bulls from classes 14, 15, 16 or 17. Females from classes 1, 2, 3, or 4.
    $100 $75

27. Get-of-Sire- Three (3) animals, all by one sire, both sexes to be represented, may be owned by more than one exhibitor. All animals must be shown in individual classes to be eligible. This get must have a minimum of two animals born before September 1, 2025.
    $100 $75

28. Breeder's Herd- Four (4) animals, either sex, bred and owned by exhibitor. All animals must be shown in individual classes to be eligible.
    $100 $75

29. Group of Five Head- Five (5) animals of either sex owned by the exhibitor from the calf classes, junior classes, the senior classes or a combination.
    $100 $75

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Charolais Junior Heifer Show information is located in the Charolais Junior Heifer section.

Chianina/Chiangus Junior Heifers

Superintendent:
Heather Counts, Director of Shows & Activities, American Chianina Association

Entry Fee:
$ 95.00 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)

Showmanship Entry Fee:
(If included with entry) $10.00
(At time of check-in) $30.00

$1,000 in Premiums

Chianina Association	$1,000
	$1,000

Association premiums will be included in checks to the exhibitor from the American Royal.

Entries

- New in 2026 – All cattle classes will be labeled as the following at the time of entries:
  - 1 Heifer
  - 2 Cow/Calf
  - 3 Bulls
- Classes will still be broken by age based on each breed's individual guidelines but exhibitors will NOT select that class during entries.

All general rules & regulations for the American Royal Livestock Show apply.

Chianina Rules

1. All rules of the Junior Breeding Division apply.
   a. Animals must have been owned and registration certificate must show date of sale to exhibitor on or before September 10th, 2026.

2. All entries must be made by active junior members in current account standing with the ACA. All entries are subject to provisions and rules set forth by the Board of Directors of the ACA.

3. ACA registration papers must be presented to the breed superintendent at the show. All animals with a tattoo not corresponding with its ACA registration paper will be ineligible to show. All animals must be registered with the ACA. Pending registrations are not accepted.

4. Breeding cattle born on or after January 1, 2012 must have a minimum of 6.25% Chianina blood in order to participate in ACA nationally sponsored shows such as the American Royal. This DOES NOT apply to the Chi Composite heifer show (under 6.25%).

5. Heifers must be registered solely in the junior exhibitor's name on or before September 10, 2026, with the exception of heifers jointly owned in a sibling membership, provided all individual siblings are active members of the American Junior Chianina Association. In this case, the Junior exhibitor will be designated by the name on the entry form.

6. Classes will be broken after all animals are checked in at the show. Individual classes will be divided as equally as possible depending on the ages and number of animals entered. Heifers will show within the divisions listed below.

7. There will be a cow/calf class in each division and a Grand Champion Pair will be selected. The pair will not show against heifers for Grand Champion Heifer. Calves exhibited in the cow/calf division are not allowed to show in individual classes. All cows and calves must be registered with the ACA. The maximum age for calves is 260 days. No maximum age limit on the cows. The registration category of the cow determines the division in which the pair shows. Calves shown at the cow's side must be the cow's natural calf. The exhibitor may be asked to allow the calf to nurse the cow.

8. All females 18 months and older exhibited in the junior show must have a certificate of pregnancy from a licensed veterinarian or have produced fertile eggs as certified in a written statement by a licensed veterinarian or embryologist of have a calf at side.

9. All Grand Champions & Reserve Grand Champions mayl have DNA (hair samples) collected at the conclusion of the show. The DNA shall be collected by an ACA staff member, plus two additional ACA representatives (staff and/or adult board members).

Age Requirements

Exhibitors must be a paid member of the AJCA and must not have had their 22nd birthday as of Jan. 1, 2026. Membership may be obtained by contacting the ACA.

Animals recorded in more than one breed registry may only show in one breed show. Animals must show in the same breed in the open and junior show, if eligible.

Premiums will be paid on a graduated basis and figured based on number of animals exhibited.

Classes

Chianina Females

(Chianina & Chiford)

1. Chianina heifers, calved September 1, 2023-May 31, 2026
2. Chianina Cow/Calf, cows older than September 1, 2023 with calf at side

Chiangus Heifers

All registered 1CA, 2CA & PCA Chiangus Cattle, and Red Chiangus

3. Chiangus Heifer, calved September 1, 2023 – May 31, 2026
4. Chiangus Cow/Calf, Cows older than September 1, 2023 with calf at side

Chianina Composite

(Under 6.25% Chianina blood)

5. Heifers calved September 1, 2023 – May 31, 2026
6. Cow/Calf, cows older than September 1, 2023 with calf at side

Supreme Champion Junior Breeding Heifer

The Grand Champion Chianina Junior Heifer, the Grand Champion Chiangus Junior Heifer, and the Grand Champion Chianina Composite Junior Heifer qualify and are expected to compete for the Supreme Champion Junior Breeding Heifer of the 2026 American Royal Livestock Show on Sunday, October 26th, 2026.. The Supreme Champion will receive a $10,000 scholarship and the remaining breed champions exhibited will each receive a $500 or $1000 scholarship based on number of heifers shown over a 5 year average.

Scholarships are presented only for advanced educational purposes of the winners. The sums assigned annually as scholarships will be maintained by the American Royal until such time as the recipients have enrolled and demonstrate that said funds will be directed to scholarship purposes. These scholarships are non-transferable. The funds shall be paid directly to the college or institution of advanced learning and/or training as approved by the Executive Committee of the American Royal.

Chianina/Chiangus All-American Point Show

Superintendent:
Heather Counts, Director of Shows & Activities, American Chianina Association

Entry Fee:
$ 95.00 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)

Entries

- New in 2026 – All cattle classes will be labeled as the following at the time of entries:
    - 1 Heifer
    - 2 Cow/Calf
    - 3 Bulls
- Classes will still be broken by age based on each breed's individual guidelines but exhibitors will NOT select that class during entries.

Chianina/Chiangus Rules

1. All entries must be made on or before September 10, 2026 and are non-refundable.

2. All entries must be made by active adult or junior members in current account standing with the ACA. All entries are subject to provisions and rules set forth by the Board of Directors of the ACA.

3. ACA registration papers must be presented to the breed superintendent at the show. All animals with a tattoo not corresponding with its ACA registration paper will be ineligible to show. All animals must be registered with the ACA. Pending registrations are not accepted.

4. Breeding cattle born on or after January 1, 2012 must have a minimum of 6.25% Chianina blood in order to participate in ACA nationally sponsored shows such as the American Royal. This DOES NOT apply to the Chi-Composite Female show (under 6.25%).

5. The attempted surgical or non-surgical alteration or conformation of an animal is strictly prohibited, except for dehorning. Cattle are to be shown in their natural conformation.
    a. Scurs or scur tissue cannot be altered or removed (surgically or otherwise) from Chiangus born after January 1, 1992 unless they have been genetically tested and found to be polled. Cattle showing as Chiangus or Red Chiangus that are determined to have heads that have been altered, must produce a DNA test whose results have found the animal to be polled, in order to show as a Chiangus.

6. The use of false tail heads, added hair or other materials to any part of the animal’s body is prohibited.

7. The dying or artificial changing of the existing color and color pattern is prohibited.

8. No artificial filling (pumping).

9. Classes will be broke after all animals are checked in at the show. Individual classes will be divided as equally as possible depending on the ages and number of animals entered.

10. There will be a cow/calf class in each division and a Grand Champion Pair will be selected. The pair will not show against heifers for Grand Champion Heifer. Calves exhibited in the cow/calf division are not allowed to show in individual classes. All cows and calves must be registered with the ACA. The maximum age for calves is 260 days. No maximum age limit on the cows. The registration category of the cow determines the division in which the pair shows. Calves shown at the cow's side must be the cow's natural calf. The exhibitor may be asked to allow the calf to nurse the cow.

11. All females 18 months and older exhibited in the open show must have a certificate of pregnancy from a licensed veterinarian or have produced fertile eggs as certified in a written statement by a licensed veterinarian or embryologist of have a calf at side.

12. All bulls show in individual classes must have a permanent nose ring and an attached lead.

13. All Grand Champions & Reserve Grand Champions may have DNA (hair samples) collected at the conclusion of the show. The DNA shall be collected by an ACA staff member, plus two additional ACA representatives (staff and/or adult board members).

Animals recorded in more than one breed registry may only show in one breed show. Animals must show in the same breed in the open and junior show, if eligible.

Classes

All classes will be broke accordingly following check-in procedures.

Chianina Bulls

(Chianina & Chiford)

1. Chianina Bulls, calved January 1, 2023 – May 31, 2026

Chiangus Bulls

(All 1CA, 2CA, PCA Chiangus & Red Chiangus)

2. Chiangus Bull, calved January 1, 2023 – May 31, 2026

Chi-Composite Bulls

(All 1CA, 2CA, PCA Chiangus & Red Chiangus)

1. Chiangus Bull, calved January 1, 2023 – May 31, 2026

High-Percentage/Fullblood Bulls

All registered cattle 50% Chianina blood and higher

2. Bulls calved January 1, 2023 – May 31, 2026

Chianina Females

(Chianina & Chiford)

3. Chianina Heifers, calved September 1, 2023-May 31, 2026
4. Chianina Cow/Calf, cows older than September 1, 2023 with calf at side

Chiangus Females

All registered 1CA, 2CA & PCA Chiangus Cattle, and Red Chiangus

5. Chiangus Heifer, calved September 1, 2023 – May 31, 2026
6. Chiangus Cow/Calf, Cows older than September 1, 2023 with calf at side

Chi-Composite Females

All registered 1CA, 2CA & PCA Chiangus Cattle, and Red Chiangus

1. Chiangus Heifer, calved September 1, 2023 – May 31, 2026
2. Chiangus Cow/Calf, Cows older than September 1, 2023 with calf at side

High-Percentage/Fullblood Females

All registered cattle 50% Chianina blood and higher

3. Heifers calved September 1, 2023 – May 31, 2026

GROUP CLASSES

(Group classes must be entered at time of check-in)

4. Produce of Dam**:** Two head produced by the same dam, both were exhibited in the individual classes. Need not be owned by the same exhibitor. The "dam" must be registered with the ACA (excludes commercial or foundation animals).

5. Junior Get-of-Sire: Three head by the same sire calved after Sept. 1, 2025. Both sexes represented. All three were exhibited in the individual classes. Need not be owned by the same exhibitor. The "sire" must be registered with the ACA (excludes commercial or foundation animals).

6. Senior Get-of-Sire: Four head by the same sire. Both sexes represented. All four were exhibited in the individual classes. Need not be owned by the same exhibitor. The "sire" must be registered with the ACA (excludes commercial or foundation animals).

7. Best Six Head: Six animals owned, co-owned, or bred by one exhibitor or by a member of the immediate family. All six were exhibited in the individual classes.

Chianina Junior Heifer Show information located in the Chianina Junior Heifer section.

Gelbvieh Junior Heifers

Superintendent:
Kansas Geblvieh Association

Entry Fee:
$ 95.00 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)

Showmanship Entry Fee:
(If included with entry) $10.00
(At time of check-in) $30.00

$1,000 in Premiums

American Royal Association	$500
Kansas Gelbvieh Association	$500
	$1,000

Entries

- New in 2026 – All cattle classes will be labeled as the following at the time of entries:
  - 1 Heifer
  - 2 Cow/Calf
  - 3 Bulls
- Classes will still be broken by age based on each breed's individual guidelines but exhibitors will NOT select that class during entries.

The Kansas Gelbvieh Association's portion of the premiums is paid to the American Royal to be included in their premium checks to exhibitors.

All general rules & regulations for the American Royal Livestock Show apply.

Gelbvieh/Balancer Show

This will be a one division show in which Gelbvieh females and Balancer females will show together. There will not be a separation between the two breeds in the Junior Show. To qualify as a Balancer® all cattle must meet the American Gelbvieh Association's Balancer trademark rules for registration.

Gelbvieh cattle eligible for exhibition must meet the minimum Gelbvieh percentage of 75% to show. Females not meeting this minimum requirement, that do not qualify for the Balancer trademark (see below) will not be eligible for exhibition.

Balancer® cattle are a combination of 25 percent (1/4) to 75 percent (3/4) Gelbvieh and 25 percent (1/4) to 75 percent (3/4) Angus or Red Angus with a maximum of 12.5 percent (1/8) unknown or other breed.

To register a Balancer® animal the sire and dam must be recorded by an officially recognized organization (AGA, American Angus Association, Red Angus Association of America, Canadian Angus Association, Canadian Gelbvieh Association) and at least 75 percent of the pedigree must be known and documented by the AGA and/or another officially recognized registration association.

All cattle will be recognized by the breed percentage rules adopted by the AGA Board of Directors

Gelbvieh/Balancer Rules

1. All rules of the Junior Breeding Division apply.

2. The Royal will keep $ 95.00 per head entry fee and the balance will be remitted to the Kansas Gelbvieh Association to be used for premiums.

3. All Cattle exhibited at national Gelbvieh shows are required to have Electronic Identification (EID) tags. EID tag numbers must be printed on each animal's registration certificate prior to the show in order to be accepted at check-in.

4. All cattle must meet the health requirements set out by the show management. Any deviation from the health requirements will be just cause for immediate disqualification from the show.

5. Heifers must be registered solely in the junior exhibitor's name on or before September 10th, 2026. Animals registered in the family name or two or more juniors' names are not eligible to show in the junior show. This applies even if an animal is registered in a farm or ranch name and the junior member is the only person listed on that membership. Bred and owned animals must be owned solely by the junior exhibitor on or before September 10th, 2026.

6. All protests against exhibitors, dealing with age or genetic background of show cattle, must be in writing and signed by five active members of the AGA and accompanied by a deposit of $1000 cash or certified check which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the office of the Livestock Event Manager within one hour after the occasion of such protest, or if age is brought into question, on the day prior to the one on which the animals are to be judged.

7. Heifers that show in this division are not eligible for any other breed show except for the Open Balancer/Gelbvieh show.

8. Exhibitors of the Champion Gelbvieh/Balancer Junior Heifer qualifies to show in the Supreme Heifer Drive. Any exhibitor choosing not to compete as the breed champion will not receive a scholarship and that breed will not be represented in the Supreme Champion line-up. Exhibitors of these champions should be present to show their own animal(s) unless prior permission is given by show management.

9. Heifers will show by age in the classes listed below.

10. Show management reserves the right to break large classes if deemed necessary, in which case the monies may be split.

Age Requirement

The Gelbvieh Junior Heifer show will follow the Junior Gelbvieh Association's age requirements. Exhibitors must be between 8-21 years old as of January 1.

Special arrangements can be made beforehand for exhibitors that may need assistance while in the show ring.

ANIMALS SHOWN IN THE JUNIOR SHOW MAY SHOW IN EITHER THE GELBVIEH OR BALANCER DIVISIONS IN THE OPEN SHOW.

Classes

Gelbvieh/Balancer Heifers

Gelbvieh Females must meet the minimum Gelbvieh percentage minimum of 75% Gelbvieh.
Balancer Females must meet the American Gelbvieh Association's Balancer trademark rules for registration.

1. Heifers calved March 1, 2026 and after
   $40 $35 $25

Champion Spring Heifer Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion Spring Heifer Calf- Rosette

2. Heifers calved February 1- February 28, 2026
   $40 $35 $25

3. Heifers calved January 1- January 31, 2026
   $40 $35 $25

Champion Junior Heifer Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf- Rosette

4. Heifers calved November 1- December 31, 2025
   $40 $35 $25

5. Heifers calved September 1- October 31, 2025
   $40 $35 $25

Champion Senior Heifer Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf- Rosette

6. Heifers calved May 1- August 31, 2025
   $40 $35 $25

Champion Intermediate Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Intermediate Heifer- Rosette

7. Heifers calved April 1- April 31, 2025
   $40 $35 $25

8. Heifers calved March 1- March 31, 2025
   $40 $35 $25

9. Early Junior Yearling calved January 1- February 28, 2025
   $40 $35 $25

Champion Junior Yearling Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Yearling Heifer- Rosette

10. Senior Yearling calved September 1- December 31, 2023
    $40 $35 $25

Champion Senior Female- Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Female- Rosette

Grand Champion Gelbvieh Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Gelbvieh Heifer- Rosette

Supreme Champion Junior Breeding Heifer

The Grand Champion Gelbvieh Junior Heifer qualifies to compete for the Supreme Champion Junior Breeding Heifer of the 2026 American Royal Livestock Show on Sunday, October 26th, 2026. The Supreme Champion will receive a $10,000 scholarship and the remaining breed champions exhibited will each receive a $500 or $1000 scholarship based on number of heifers shown over a 5 year average.

Scholarships are presented only for advanced educational purposes of the winners. The sums assigned annually as scholarships will be maintained by the American Royal until such time as the recipients have enrolled and demonstrate that said funds will be directed to scholarship purposes. These scholarships are non-transferable. The funds shall be paid directly to the college or institution of advanced learning and/or training as approved by the Executive Committee of the American Royal.

Gelbvieh & Balancer Ring of Gold Point Show

Superintendent:
Kansas Gelbvieh Association

Entry Fees:
$105 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)

$6,800 in Premiums

American Royal Association	$3,400
Kansas Gelbvieh Association	$3,400
	$6,800

Entries

- New in 2026 – All cattle classes will be labeled as the following at the time of entries:
  - 1 Heifer
  - 2 Cow/Calf
  - 3 Bulls
- Classes will still be broken by age based on each breed's individual guidelines but exhibitors will NOT select that class during entries.

The Kansas Gelbvieh Association's portion of the premiums is paid to the American Royal to be included in their premium checks to exhibitors.

Gelbvieh & Balancer Ring of Gold Point Show

This will be a two-division show: Gelbvieh and Balancer cattle. A Balancer is a specific hybrid registered by the American Gelbvieh Association with the following breed composition and documentation requirements:

- A combination of ¼ to ¾ Gelbvieh and ¼ to ¾ Angus or Red Angus with a maximum of 1/8 unknown or other breed and

- The sire and dam must be recorded by an officially recognized organization (AGA, American Angus Association or Red Angus Association of America) and
- At least 75% of the pedigree must be known and documented by the AGA and/or another officially recognized registration association.

Note: 75% females and bulls that qualify to be registered as a Balancer or Gelbvieh can be entered and shown in only one division and may NOT be switched after entry deadline.

Gelbvieh/Balancer Rules

1. American Royal entry forms properly filled out and accompanied by the appropriate fees must be submitted online by September 10th, 2026.

2. The Royal will keep $ 95.00 per head entry fee and the balance will be used for premiums.

3. All cattle exhibited at national Gelbvieh shows are required to have Electronic Identification (EID) tags. EID tag numbers must be on each animal's registration certificate prior to the show in order to be accepted at check-in.

4. Gelbvieh and Balancer cattle will each compete within their respective shows. Group classes can be made up of a combination of Gelbvieh and Balancer cattle, but no group can be entirely made up of Balancers.

5. Cattle must be entered and exhibited under the recorded ownership at the time of the show entry deadline date. Jointly owned animals must be entered and shown under the multi-ownership (all co-owners) in the individual classes.

6. All animals must be properly tattooed, including herd prefix, and will be inspected at the show. If that tattoo is illegible or does not correspond to registration certificate, the animal is ineligible to show or may be re-tattooed by the exhibitor and re-checked at the end of processing for a fee of $100, payable at the time. Electric Identification (EID) tags and freeze brands are also acceptable forms of identification. EID tags must be printed on the registration certificate in order to be accepted at check-in. If EID is not printed on the registration certificate a tattoo, including herd prefix, must be present.

7. All cattle must meet the health requirements set out by the show management. Any deviation from the health requirements will be just cause for immediate disqualification from the show.

8. Show committee prohibits the use of powders of any color. False tailheads or glued-on hair or hair-like substances are prohibited. Any use of glue to alter the natural conformation of the animals will be an automatic disqualification.

9. Proof of satisfactory semen evaluation for bulls twelve (12) months of age or older as of December 31 must be submitted at the time of check-in. Bulls over two (2) years of age must have a semen evaluation certificate issued within 95 days of the show.

10. **ALL BULLS MUST SHOW WITH A NOSELEAD**. Entry into the show ring without one will be an automatic disqualification. The right to disqualify from the show any animal deemed unmanageable is reserved by the Show Officials.

11. All females entered in junior yearling and senior yearling classes must be accompanied by a verification of pregnancy signed by a licensed veterinarian. Exception to the rule of "safe in calf" will apply to a donor female that has produced fertile eggs in the current year, as verified in a written statement from a licensed veterinarian.

12. All females shown in the cow-calf class with a calf over 150 days of age must be bred back and must be accompanied by a verification of pregnancy signed by a licensed veterinarian. Age of calf must not exceed 240 days as of the date of the show.

13. Any person found guilty of misrepresentation or not abiding by the show rules will be disqualified and denied the privilege of showing.

14. All protests against exhibitors, dealing with age or genetic background of show cattle, must be in writing and signed by five (5) active members of the AGA and accompanied by a deposit of $500.00 cash or certified check which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of complain or appeal and must be delivered to the office of the Livestock Event Manager within one hour after the occasion of such protest, or if age is brought into question, on the day prior to the one on which the animals are to be judged.

15. The AGA follows the National Show Ring Code of Ethics. If these codes of ethics are violated, disciplinary action will be taken by the AGA Executive Committee.

EPDS will be available in the show program and given to the judge to use at his discretion.

Show management reserves the right to break large classes, if deemed necessary, in which case the monies may be split.

Classes

Gelbvieh Females

75% and Higher Gelbvieh Blood

1. Heifers calved March 1, 2026 and after
   $95 $65 $45

Champion Spring Heifer Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Spring Heifer Calf - Rosette

2. Heifers calved February 1 – 28, 2026
   $95 $65 $45

3. Heifers calved January 1 – 31, 2026

   $95 $65 $45

Junior Champion Heifer Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf- Rosette

4. Heifers calved November 1 – December 31, 2025
   $95 $65 $45

5. Heifers calved September 1 – October 31, 2025
   $95 $65 $45

Champion Senior Heifer Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf - Rosette

6. Heifers calved May 1 – August 31, 2025
   $95 $65 $45

Champion Intermediate Heifer - Rosette
Reserve Champion Intermediate Heifer -Rosette

7. Heifers calved April 1 – 30, 2025
   $95 $65 $45

8. Heifers calved March 1 – 31, 2025
   $95 $65 $45

9. Early Junior Yearling calved January 1 – February 28, 2025
   $95 $65 $45

Champion Junior Yearling Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Yearling Heifer - Rosette

10. Senior Yearling calved September 1 – December 31, 2023
    $95 $65 $45

Champion Senior Female - Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Female - Rosette

11. Cow-Calf- Any female older than above ages with natural (not embryo transplant) nursing calf at their side. Maximum age of calf is 240 days on show day. Cow with calf over 150 days must be bred back, certified by a veterinarian. Calf must be registered with the AGA. Calf is eligible for individual classes if entered in appropriate class and fee paid.
    $95 $65 $45

Champion Cow-Calf Pair- Rosette
Reserve Champion Cow-Calf Pair- Rosette

Grand Champion Gelbvieh Female- Plaque, Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Gelbvieh Female- Plaque, Rosette

Balancer Females

12. Heifers calved March 1, 2026 and after
    $95 $65 $45

Champion Spring Heifer Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Spring Heifer Calf - Rosette

13. Heifers calved February 1 – 28, 2026
    $95 $65 $45

14. Heifers calved January 1 – 31, 2026
    $95 $65 $45

Champion Junior Heifer Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion- Junior Heifer Calf -Rosette

15. Heifers calved November 1 – December 31, 2025
    $95 $65 $45

16. Heifers calved September 1 – October 31, 2025
    $95 $65 $45

Champion Senior Heifer Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf - Rosette

17. Heifers calved May 1 – August 31, 2025
    $95 $65 $45

Champion Intermediate Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Intermediate Heifer- Rosette

18. Heifers calved April 1 – 30, 2025
    $95 $65 $45

19. Heifers calved March 1 – 31, 2025
    $95 $65 $45

20. Early Junior Yearling calved January 1 – February 28, 2025
    $95 $65 $45

Champion Junior Yearling Heifer - Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Yearling Heifer - Rosette

21. Senior Yearling calved September 1 – December 31, 2023
    $95 $65 $45

Champion Senior Female - Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Female - Rosette

22. Cow-Calf- Any female older than above ages with natural (not embryo transplant) nursing calf at their side. Maximum age of calf is 240 days on show day. Cow with calf over 150 days must be bred back, certified by a veterinarian. Calf must be registered with the AGA. Calf is eligible for individual classes if entered in appropriate class and fee paid.
    $95 $65 $45

Champion Cow-Calf Pair- Rosette
Reserve Champion Cow-Calf Pair- Rosette

Grand Champion Balancer Female- Plaque, Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Balancer Female- Plaque, Rosette

Gelbvieh Bulls

75% and Higher Gelbvieh Blood

23. Bulls calved March 1, 2026 and after

$95 $65 $45

Champion Spring Bull Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Spring Bull Calf - Rosette

24. Bulls calved January 1 – February 28, 2026
    $95 $65 $45

Champion Junior Bull Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Bull Calf - Rosette

25. Bulls calved September 1 – December 31, 2025
    $95 $65 $45

Champion Senior Bull Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Bull Calf- Rosette

26. Bulls calved May 1 – August 31, 2025
    $95 $65 $45

Champion Intermediate Bull - Rosette
Reserve Champion Intermediate Bull - Rosette

27. Bulls calved January 1 – April 30, 2025
    $95 $65 $45

Champion Junior Bull - Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Bull - Rosette

28. Bulls calved January 1 – December 31, 2023
    $95 $65 $45

Champion Senior Bull - Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Bull - Rosette
Grand Champion Gelbvieh Bull- Plaque, Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Gelbvieh Bull- Rosette

Balancer Bulls

29. Bulls calved March 1, 2026 and after
    $95 $65 $45

Champion Spring Bull Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Spring Bull Calf- Rosette

30. Bulls calved January 1 – February 28, 2026
    $95 $65 $45

Champion Junior Bull Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Bull Calf - Rosette

31. Bulls calved September 1 – December 31, 2025
    $95 $65 $45

Champion Senior Bull Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Bull Calf - Rosette

32. Bulls calved May 1 – August 31, 2025
    $95 $65 $45

Champion Intermediate Bull - Rosette
Reserve Champion Intermediate Bull - Rosette

33. Bulls calved January 1 – April 30, 2025
    $95 $65 $45

Champion Junior Bull - Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Bull- Rosette

34. Bulls calved January 1 – December 31, 2023
    $95 $65 $45

Champion Senior Bull - Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Bull- Rosette

Grand Champion Balancer Bull- Plaque, Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Balancer Bull- Rosette

Group Classes

Balancers may be used in group classes but may not make up the total of any one group. All animals must be shown in individual classes. No premiums will be paid for group classes. Gelbvieh and Balancer placings in individual classes will be used to determine the Premier Exhibitor and Premier Breeder.

35. Produce of Dam- two animals, either sex, from one dam, no ownership requirements. Both animals must be shown in their individual classes to be eligible.
36. Get-of-Sire- three (3) animals, same sire, both sexes represented, no ownership requirements, must have been shown in individual classes.
37. Best Four Head- four (4) animals, owned or co-owned by the exhibitor.

38. Premier Exhibitor (five places per class considered)

1st…….…….. 5 points
2nd……..……. 4 points
3rd……..…….. 3 points
4th……..….. 2 points
5th……..….. 1 point
Division Champions…….. 7 points
Reserve Division Champions…. 6 points
Grand Champion…….. 10 points
Reserve Grand Champion……... 9 points

(Points in classes will be computed by Gelbvieh Show Committee)

39. Premier Breeder (five places per class considered. Scoring will be the same as for the Premier Exhibitor)

Gelbvieh Junior Heifer Show information located in the Gelbvieh Junior Heifer section.

Hereford Junior Heifers

Superintendent(s):
Amy Cowan, American Hereford Association, Kansas City, MO
Bailey Clanton, American Hereford Association, Kansas City, MO

Entry Fee:
$ 95.00 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)

Showmanship Entry Fee:
(If included with entry) $10.00
(At time of check-in) $30.00

Entries

- New in 2026 – All cattle classes will be labeled as the following at the time of entries:
    - 1 Heifer
    - 2 Cow/Calf
    - 3 Bulls
- Classes will still be broken by age based on each breed's individual guidelines but exhibitors will NOT select that class during entries.

All general rules & regulations for the American Royal Livestock Show apply.

Hereford Show Rules

Entries must be registered with the American Hereford Association prior to the show in order to exhibit in AHA sanctioned shows. Entries with registrations “Pending” or “Applied For” will be ineligible to compete.

Heifers must be purebred.

1. All rules of the Junior Breeding Division apply.
    a. Animals must have been owned and registration certificate must show date of sale to exhibitor on or before September 10th, 2026.

2. Heifers may be jointly owned by siblings provided both are individual members of the National Junior Hereford Association. No animal is eligible to compete if recorded in joint ownership (other than the sibling rule) or ownership of farm or family name.

3. Heifers will show by age in the classes listed below.

4. Show management reserves the right to break large classes if deemed necessary, in which case the monies may be split.

National Rules

1. All cattle including calves on the side of the cow-calf pairs and senior yearlings entered must be registered in the Herd Book of the American Hereford Association (AHA). Entries with registrations "pending" or illegible tattoos or improper tattoos as shown on the registration certificate at check-in time are ineligible for competition. Exhibitors are subject to the Association's special rule on class qualification. Entries in these classes are accepted with the understanding that the exhibitor agrees to abide by the rule in all respects.

2. The exhibition of cattle displaying false hair will not be allowed.

3. Any product administered internally or used externally to alter the conformation of an animal for exhibition is prohibited. This includes the use of graphite, hemp or other similar substances externally and steroids or growth stimulants internally.

4. The act of artificially filling animals internally, which includes stomach pumping, drench tubes, or any other method by mouth or esophagus is prohibited.

5. All animals shown in group classes must have been shown must have been shown in their respective single age class. No transfer from (1) breed to another, after entry, will be permitted.

6. Expected Progeny Difference (EPD) values will be provided to the judge and audience for all animals shown. Animals without EPD data are eligible to show, but will have N/A (not available) in place of missing data.

7. Any animal without a legible tattoo will not be eligible to show.

8. All Hereford animals must be officially recorded (registered) prior to show date to be eligible to show at a National Hereford Show.

9. An animal that is scurred (Scurs are small, rudimentary horns that are loosely attached to the head, which are considered to be expressed only in animals that are genetically heterozygous for the polled gene) will show in the polled division of Hereford shows. Once an animal is confirmed to be scurred by an AHA field representative, then this designation will be placed on the animal's registration papers. Once this determination has been made and reported to the AHA office, then the owner may remove the scurs. Animals with scurs removed will show in the polled division of Hereford shows. Once an animal is confirmed polled or scurred they will retain this designation forever.

10. The individual classes will be made up and divided after the cattle are checked in at the show. They will be judged from the youngest class to the oldest within each class.

11. It is recommended by the AHA Show Committee that classes with 10 or more head be considered to be split, depending on the animal's birthdays in each particular class.

12. If the number of classes warrant, a division will be split into multiple divisions.

Age Requirement

Junior Hereford heifer exhibitors must be between 7 to 21 years old as of January 1. Exhibitor cannot have reached their 22nd birthday by January 1 of the current year.

Special arrangements can be made beforehand for exhibitors that may need assistance while in the show ring.

ANIMALS RECORDED IN MORE THAN ONE BREED REGISTRY MAY ONLY SHOW IN ONE BREED SHOW. ANIMALS MUST SHOW IN THE SAME BREED IN THE OPEN AND JUNIOR SHOW, IF ELIGIBLE.

Classes For Entries

1. Heifers born June 30, 2026- August 1, 2024

Classes

Spring Heifer Calves, calved after May 1- June 30, 2026

Spring Heifer Calves, calved April 1- April 30, 2026

Spring Heifer Calves, calved March 1- March 31, 2026

Champion Spring Heifer Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion Spring Heifer Calf- Rosette

Junior Heifer Calves, calved February 1- February 28, 2026

Junior Heifer Calves, calved January 1- January 31, 2026

Champion Junior Heifer Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf- Rosette

Senior Heifer Calves, calved November 1- December 31, 2025

Senior Heifer Calves, calved October 1- October 31, 2025

Senior Heifer Calves, calved August 1- September 30, 2025

Champion Senior Heifer Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf- Rosette

Late Summer Yearling Females, calved June 1- July 31, 2025

Early Summer Yearling Females, calved May 1- May 31, 2025

Champion Intermediate Yearling Females- Rosette
Reserve Champion Intermediate Yearling Female- Rosette

Spring Yearling Females, calved April 1- April 30, 2025

Spring Yearling Females, calved March 1- March 31, 2025

Champion Spring Yearling Female- Rosette
Reserve Champion Spring Yearling Female - Rosette

Junior Yearling Females, calved February 1- February 28, 2025

Junior Yearling Females, calved January 1- January 31, 2025

Champion Junior Yearling Female- Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Yearling Female - Rosette

Senior Yearling Females, calved August 1- December 31, 2024

Champion Senior Female- Rosette
Reserve Champion Female Heifer- Rosette

Grand Champion Hereford Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Hereford Heifer- Rosette

American Hereford Association Special Awards

The American Hereford Association will present engraved awards to the exhibitors of the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Hereford Heifers of the Junior Show.

Supreme Champion Junior Breeding Heifer

The Grand Champion Hereford Heifer is qualified and is expected to compete for the Supreme Champion Junior Breeding Heifer of the 2026 American Royal Livestock Show on Sunday, October 26th, 2026. The Supreme Champion will receive a $10,000 scholarship and the remaining breed champions exhibited will each receive a $500 or $1000 scholarship based on number of heifers shown over a 5 year average.

Scholarships are presented only for advanced educational purposes of the winners. The sums assigned annually as scholarships will be maintained by the American Royal until such time as the recipients have enrolled and demonstrate that said recipients have enrolled and demonstrate that said funds will be directed to scholarship purposes. These scholarships are non-transferable. The funds shall be paid directly to the college or institution of advanced learning and/or training as approved by the Executive Committee of the American Royal.

Hereford Open Show

Jack Ward, Executive Vice President, American Hereford Association

Superintendent:
Bailey Clanton, American Hereford Association
Kane Aegerter, American Hereford Association

Entry Fee:
$ 95.00 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)

Entries

- New in 2026 – All cattle classes will be labeled as the following at the time of entries:
  - 1 Heifer
  - 2 Cow/Calf
  - 3 Bulls
- Classes will still be broken by age based on each breed's individual guidelines but exhibitors will NOT select that class during entries.

American Royal National Hereford Show Rules

1. American Royal entry forms properly filled out and accompanied by appropriate fees must be submitted online on or before September 10th, 2026.

2. All cattle including calves on the side of cow-calf pairs and senior yearlings entered must be registered in the Herd Book of the American Hereford Association (AHA). Entries with registrations "pending" or illegible tattoos or improper tattoos as shown on the registration certificate at check-in time are ineligible for competition. Exhibitors are subject to the Association's special rule on class qualification. Entries in these classes are accepted with the understanding that the exhibitor agrees to abide by the rule in all respects.

3. The exhibition of cattle displaying false hair will not be allowed.

4. Any product administered internally or used externally to alter the conformation of an animal for exhibition is prohibited. This includes the use of graphite, hemp or other similar substances externally and steroid or growth stimulants internally.

5. The act of artificially filling animals internally, which includes stomach pumping, drench tubes, or any other method by mouth or esophagus is prohibited.

6. All animals shown in group classes must have been shown must have been shown in their respective single age class. No transfer from (1) breed to another, after entry, will be permitted.

7. Expected Progeny Difference (EPD) values will be provided to the judge and audience for all animals shown. Animals without EPD data are eligible to show, but will have N/A (not available) in place of missing data.

8. Any animal without a legible tattoo will not be eligible to show.

9. All Hereford animals must be officially recorded (registered) prior to show date to be eligible to show at a National Hereford Show.

10. The individual classes will be made up and divided after the cattle are checked in at the show. They will be judged from the youngest class to the oldest within each class.

11. It is recommended by the AHA Show Committee that classes with 10 or more head be considered to be split depending on animal's birthdates in each particular class.

12. If the number of classes in a division warrant, a division will be split into multiple divisions.

13. Calves on the side of cow-calf pairs MUST BE the cow's natural calf and fully registered with the AHA.

Classes For Entries

1. Cow/Calf Pairs born on or before July 31, 2024
2. Heifers born June 30, 2026- August 1, 2024
3. Bulls born June 30, 2026-January 1, 2024

Classes

Females

Spring Heifer Calves, calved after May 1- June 30, 2026

Spring Heifer Calves, calved after April 1- April 30, 2026

Spring Heifer Calves, calved March 1- March 31, 2026

Champion Spring Heifer Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion Spring Heifer Calf- Rosette

Junior Heifer Calves, calved February 1 – 28, 2026

Junior Heifer Calves, calved January 1 – 31, 2026

Champion Junior Heifer Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf- Rosette

Senior Heifer Calves, calved November 1 – December 31, 2025

Senior Heifer Calves, calved October 1 – October 31, 2025

Senior Heifer Calves, calved August 1 – September 30, 2025

Champion Senior Heifer Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf- Rosette

Late Summer Yearling Females, calved June 1 – July 31, 2025

Early Summer Yearling Females, calved May 1 – May 31, 2025

Champion Intermediate Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Intermediate Heifer- Rosette

Spring Yearling Females, calved April 1 – April 30, 2025

Spring Yearling Females, calved March 1 – March 31, 2025

Champion Spring Yearling Female- Rosette
Reserve Champion Spring Yearling Female- Rosette

Junior Yearling Females, calved February 1 – February 28, 2025

Junior Yearling Heifers, calved January 1 – January 31, 2025

Champion Junior Yearling Female- Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Yearling Female- Rosette

Senior Yearling Females, calved August 1 – December 31, 2024

Champion Senior Female- Rosette, Bowl sponsored by BOTAR
Reserve Champion Senior Female- Rosette

Cow-Calf (any female older than above ages with a calf at side. Calf older than 240 days of age on the show date is not eligible to show in the Cow-Calf class. Calf is eligible for individual classes if entered in appropriate class and fee paid).

Champion Cow-Calf Pair- Rosette
Reserve Champion Cow-Calf Pair- Rosette

Grand Champion Female- Plaque, Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Female- Rosette

Bulls

Spring Bull Calves, calved May 1-June 30, 2026

Spring Bull Calves, calved April 1 – April 30, 2026

Spring Bull Calves, calved March 1 – March 31, 2026

Champion Spring Bull Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion Spring Bull Calf- Rosette

Junior Bull Calves, calved February 1 – 28, 2026

Junior Bull Calves, calved January 1 – 31, 2026

Champion Junior Bull Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Bull Calf- Rosette

Senior Bull Calves, calved November 1 – December 31, 2025

Senior Bull Calves, calved October 1 – October 31, 2025

Senior Bull Calves, calved August 1 – September 30, 2025

Champion Senior Bull Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Bull Calf- Rosette

Late Summer Yearling Bulls, calved June 1– July 31, 2025

Early Summer Yearling Bulls, calved May 1 – May 31, 2025

Champion Intermediate Bull- Rosette
Reserve Champion Intermediate Bull- Rosette

Spring Yearling Bulls, calved April 1 – April 30, 2025

Spring Yearling Bulls, calved March 1 – March 31, 2025

Junior Yearling Bulls, calved February 1 – February 28, 2025

Junior Yearling Bulls, calved January 1 – January 31, 2025

Champion Yearling Bull- Rosette
Reserve Champion Yearling Bull- Rosette

Senior Yearling Bulls, calved August 1 – December 31, 2024

Two-Year-Old Bulls, calved January 1 – July 31, 2024

Champion Senior Bull- Rosette, Bowl sponsored by BOTAR
Reserve Champion Senior Bull- Rosette

Grand Champion Bull- Plaque, Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Bull- Rosette

Group Classes

1. Get-of-Sire- four (4) animals shown in above single-entry classes with both sexes represented and all to be the progeny of one sire. It is permissible to use either the cow or calf from a cow-calf pair. May be comprised of animals from one or more owners.

2. Best Six Head- owned by exhibitor all animals must have been shown in their respective single-entry classes and they must be owned by the exhibitor or by a member of his/her immediate family. A cow-calf will be considered as two head.

Premier Breeder/Premier Exhibitor-
Awarded with the following point system:
1st place= 5 points
2nd place= 4 points
3rd place= 3 points
4th place= 2 points
5th place= 1 point

No points will be given for champions. Points will be awarded for the Get-of-Sire and Best Six Head for Premier Exhibitor and Get-of-Sire for Premier Breeder. In the result of a tie, show staff will review the division placing of each exhibitor/breeder, with the award being presented to the exhibitor/breeder with the highest number of division placings. If a tie remains, show staff will review the number of animals shown for the exhibitor/breeder, the higher number exhibited will win the tie.

Harry Darby Award – Armour Cup

The Armour Cup was the award for the Grand Champion Bull at the 1899 National Hereford Show which was the forerunner of the American Royal. The cup was lost for many years, but was found and purchased by the late Senator Harr Darby who gifted it to the American Royal Association to be used as a trophy for the Harry Darby Award to the exhibitor of the Grand Champion Hereford Bull. It is on permanent display in the American Hereford Association's Hereford Heritage Hall with the name of each year's winner engraved on a plate attached to the base of which the cup is displayed.

Hereford Junior Heifer Show information located in the Hereford Junior Heifer section.

Limousin Junior Heifers

Superintendent:
Tatum Swink, Director of Activities, North American Limousin Foundation

Entry Fee:
$ 95.00 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)

Showmanship Entry Fee:
(If included with entry) $10.00
(At time of check-in) $30.00

$1,000 in Premiums

American Royal Association	$500
North American Limousin Foundation	$500
	$1,000

Association premiums will be included in checks to the exhibitor from the American Royal.

Entries

- New in 2026 – All cattle classes will be labeled as the following at the time of entries:
  - 1 Heifer
  - 2 Cow/Calf
  - 3 Bulls
- Classes will still be broken by age based on each breed's individual guidelines but exhibitors will NOT select that class during entries.

All general rules & regulations for the American Royal Livestock Show apply.

Limousin Rules

1. All rules of the Junior Breeding Division apply.

2. Heifers must be registered solely in the junior exhibitor's name on or before September 10th, 2026. Animals registered in the family name or two or more juniors' names are not eligible to show in the junior show. This applies even if an animal is registered in a farm or ranch name and the junior member is the only person listed on that membership. Bred and owned animals must be owned solely by the junior exhibitor on or before September 10th, 2026.

3. Any heifer not bearing a legible tattoo is ineligible to show and tattoo must match registration papers. This tattoo must be listed on the entry form. Tattoo MUST have the **prefix**, **year code**, and **number**.

4. Heifers will show by age in the classes listed below.

5. Show management reserves the right to break large classes if deemed necessary, in which case the monies may be split.

6. To maintain a high degree of confidence in Limousin shows, NALF reserves the right to disqualify any animal that has been fitted in an unethical matter. Unethical fitting shall include the following:

    a. Any use of paints, colored show foam, graphite, colored powders, or any other substance; animals subject to white towel test.

    b. The addition of any hair or hair like substances, including false tailheads and false polls (false tail switches are allowed).

    c. The cutting, tearing, or gluing of the hide or underneath the hide or removal of tissue in an attempt to alter the shape of the animal or the injection of any gas, solid, or liquid under the hide to alter the normal confirmation.

    d. Any products, solutions, liquids administered internally or externally to alter the conformation of the animal is prohibited. This includes the use of steroids, growth stimulants, and the act of artificially filling animals internally which would include stomach pumping, drench tubes or any other methods.

    Exceptions: In the case of severely sick or severely dehydrated animals, the exhibitor may have fluids or electrolytes administered by the licensed official show veterinarian with the approval of the show superintendent and/or NALF representative. This exception is not applicable on show da or weigh-in/check-in day.

7. Animals shown must be solid red or black above the flanks, excluding birth marks. Cattle born after January 1, 2026, cannot exhibit any white markings on legs. This shall not apply to steers.

Age Requirement

Limousin Junior Heifer Exhibitors must be between 5 years old and 21 years old as of January 1, 2026. Exhibitors must be members of the North American Limousin Junior Association.

Special arrangements can be made beforehand for exhibitors that may need assistance while in the show ring.

ANIMALS RECORDED IN MORE THAN ONE BREED REGISTRY MAY ONLY SHOW IN ONE BREED SHOW. ANIMALS MUST SHOW IN THE SAME BREED IN THE OPEN AND JUNIOR SHOW, IF ELIGIBLE.

Limousin and Lim-Flex heifers will show in one division. All heifers must be orange papered and 75% Limousin or greater; or purple papers Lim-Flex and meet the American Royal's ownership requirements.

Classes

1. Late Junior Heifer Calves, calved March 1- May 31, 2026
   $40 $35 $25

2. Early Junior Heifer Calves, calved January 1- February 28, 2026
   $40 $35 $25

Champion Division I- Rosette
Reserve Champion Division I- Rosette

3. Winter Heifer Calves, calved November 1- December 31, 2025
   $40 $35 $25

4. Senior Heifer Calves, calved September 1- October 31, 2025
   $40 $35 $25

Champion Division II- Rosette
Reserve Champion Division II- Rosette

5. Late Summer Yearling Females, calved July 1- August 31, 2025
   $40 $35 $25

6. Early Summer Yearling Females, calved May 1- June 30, 2025
   $40 $35 $25

7. Early Spring Yearling Females, calved March 1- April 30, 2025
   $40 $35 $25

Champion Division III- Rosette
Reserve Champion Division III- Rosette

8. Junior Yearling Females, calved January 1- February 28, 2025
   $40 $35 $25

9. Senior Yearling Females, calved September 1- December 31, 2024
   $40 $35 $25

Champion Division IV- Rosette
Reserve Champion Division IV-- Rosette

Grand Champion Limousin Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Limousin Heifer- Rosette

Supreme Champion Junior Breeding Heifer

The Grand Champion Limousin heifer are qualified and are expected to compete for the Supreme Champion Junior Breeding Heifer of the 2026 American Royal Livestock Show on Sunday, October 26th, 2026. The Supreme Champion will receive a $10,000 scholarship and the remaining breed champions exhibited will each receive a $500 or $1000 scholarship based on number of heifers shown over a 5 year average.

Scholarships are presented only for advanced educational purposes of the winners. The sums assigned annually as scholarships will be maintained by the American Royal until such time as the recipients have enrolled and demonstrate that said recipients have enrolled and demonstrate that said funds will be directed to scholarship purposes. These

scholarships are non-transferable. The funds shall be paid directly to the college or institution of advanced learning and/or training as approved by the Executive Committee of the American Royal.

Limousin Open Show

Mark Anderson, Executive Director, North American Limousin Foundation

Superintendent:
Tatum Swink, Director of Activities, North American Limousin Foundation

Entry Fee:
$115 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)

Entries

- New in 2026 – All cattle classes will be labeled as the following at the time of entries:
  - 1 Heifer
  - 2 Cow/Calf
  - 3 Bulls
- Classes will still be broken by age based on each breed's individual guidelines but exhibitors will NOT select that class during entries.

American Royal Level I Medal of Excellence Show

Rules

1. American Royal entry forms, properly filled out and accompanied by the appropriate fees, must be submitted online on or before September 10th, 2026. Include tattoo as well as registration number on the entry form. Cattle must be entered in the same name that appears on the animal's registration certificate as the current owner.

2. Animals must be registered with the North American Limousin Foundation.

3. All cattle shown including calves at the side of the dam must be:
   a. 75% Limousin (NALF percentage, not actual) or greater as indicated on orange NALF registration certificates
      Or
   b. Purple-papered Lim-Flex cattle as indicated by NALF registration certificates.

   Percentage, Fullblood, Purebred and Lim-Flex cattle shall compete in the same classes and championships

4. If a show does not abide by the NALF MOE show rules exhibitors will not be awarded points for that show.

5. Animals must be properly tattooed and will be inspected at the show Tattoos must be legible and match the registration certificates. If an animal's tattoo is not legible or cannot be read upon initial processing, it will be ineligible to show and not allowed to return with a new or corrected tattoo. Tattoo MUST have the **prefix**, **year code** AND **number**.

6. To maintain a high degree of confidence in Limousin shows, NALF reserves the right to disqualify any animal that has been fitted in an unethical matter. Unethical fitting shall include the following:

    a. Any use of paints, colored show foam, graphite, colored powders, or any other substance; animals subject to white towel test.

    b. The addition of any hair or hair like substances, including false tailheads and false polls (false tail switches are allowed).

    c. The cutting, tearing, or gluing of the hide or underneath the hide or removal of tissue in an attempt to alter the shape of the animal or the injection of any gas, solid, or liquid under the hide to alter the normal confirmation.

    d. Any products, solutions, liquids administered internally or externally to alter the conformation of the animal is prohibited. This includes the use of steroids, growth stimulants, and the act of artificially filling animals internally which would include stomach pumping, drench tubes or any other methods.

    Exceptions: In the case of severely sick or severely dehydrated animals, the exhibitor may have fluids or electrolytes administered by the licensed official show veterinarian with the approval of the show superintendent and/or NALF representative. This exception is not applicable on show da or weigh-in/check-in day.

7. Bulls older than one (1) year of age must show with a nose lead. The Limousin Show Superintendent and the show management reserve the right to disqualify animals deemed unmanageable.

8. Protests against exhibitors, individual animals or fitting violations must be submitted in writing, signed by five (5) active members of the NALF and presented to the show superintendent within 12 hours of the show's completion. See Protests in the Rules and Regulations.

9. NALF reserves the right to mouth animals for dental development.

10. NALF reserves the right to collect hair samples from any animal.

11. Classes and Championship breaks will be determined after all the cattle have been check-in. Class sizes all be to the direction of the show superintendent and may not contain more than 20 head. The given classes may be split or combined only within their given division.

12. Calves exhibited alongside dams in the cow-calf division are eligible to show as individuals.

13. Animals shown must be solid red or black above the flanks, excluding birth marks. Cattle born after January 1, 2026, cannot exhibit any white markings on legs. This shall not apply to steers.

14. Following the selection of the Grand and Reserve Female and the Cow/Calf Champion and Reserve Champion there will be the selection of Supreme Female to be chosen from the Grand Champion Female and the Champion Cow/Calf Pair. Supreme Female will not receive additional MOE points.

Other Requirements

The following performance data submission requirements must be met by Dec. 1 to receive Medal of Excellence Points:

a) Birth weight (bulls and heifers)
b) Weaning weight (bulls and heifers)
c) Yearling weight (bulls and heifers)
d) Yearling scrotal circumference (bulls)
e) Pregnancy test (any female older than 600 days at seasons end)
f) Breeding soundness exam and semen test (all bulls older than 400 days old)

NOTE: Failure to have performance data on file at NALF will result in disqualification from the MOE program and no points will be awarded. It is the responsibility of the breeder/owner/exhibitor to submit that information, without special requests from NALF.

Creditability Requirement

To maintain a high degree of integrity and credibility in all Limousin shows, all owners and exhibitors are expected to adhere to all North American Limousin Foundation rules and regulations regarding exhibition of Limousin cattle, and to adhere to the rules and regulations of particular shows, fairs, and exhibitions.

Medal of excellence point distribution
1st in class- 20 points
2nd in class- 18 points
3rd in class- 16 points
4th in class- 14 points
5th in class- 12 points
6th in class- 10 points
7th in class- 9 points
8th in class- 8 points
9th in class- 7 points
10th in class- 6 points
Division Champion- 20 points
Division Reserve- 17 points
Grand Champion- 20 points
Reserve Grand Champion- 17 points

Classes

Medal of Excellence

Level 1 Show Classes
Order: Females, Cow/Calf Pairs, Bulls
(On entry forms for class numbers please write 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)

Division I
March 1, 2026- May 31, 2026

Division II
January 1 – February 28, 2026

Division III
September 1 – December 31, 2025

Division IV
May 1 – August 31, 2025

Division V
January 1 – April 30, 2025

Division VI
September 1 – December 31, 2024

Division VII Bulls Only **New Division**
January 1 – August 31, 2024

Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Female

Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair

Supreme Champion Female- to be chosen between Champion Female & Champion Cow/Calf Pair

Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Bull

Premier Breeder

Premier Exhibitor

Cow-Calf Pair- cows must be born on or before August 31, 2024. Cows must meet the registration requirements for their show. Calf must be registered 75% (3/4) Limousin or registered Lim-Flex and not more than 250 days old on the date of show.

Limousin Junior Heifer Show information can be located in the Limousin Junior Heifer Section.

Maine-Anjou Junior Heifers

Superintendent:
Blake Nelson, Executive Vice President, American Maine-Anjou Association
Lindsey Broek, Junior Director, American Maine-Anjou Association
Rylee Barber, Member Services, American Maine-Anjou Association

Entry Fee:
$ 95.00 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)

Showmanship Entry Fee:
(If included with entry) $10.00
(At time of check-in) $30.00

$2,000 in Premiums

American Royal Association	$1,000
American Maine-Anjou Association	$1,000
	$2,000

Association premiums will be included in checks to the exhibitor from the American Royal.

Entries

- New in 2026 – All cattle classes will be labeled as the following at the time of entries:
    - 1 Heifer

- 2 Cow/Calf
- 3 Bulls

- Classes will still be broken by age based on each breed's individual guidelines but exhibitors will NOT select that class during entries.

All general rules & regulations for the American Royal Livestock Show apply.

Maine-Anjou Rules

1. All rules of the Junior Breeding Division apply.

2. Any heifer not bearing a legible tattoo is ineligible to show and tattoo must match registration papers. This tattoo must be listed on the entry form.

3. Heifers must be registered in the junior exhibitors' name(s) on or before September 10th, 2026. Heifers may be jointly owned by siblings provided both are individual members of the American Maine-Anjou Association. No animal is eligible to compete if recorded in joint ownership (other than the sibling rule) or ownership of farm or family name.

4. Heifers will show by age in the classes listed below.

5. Show management reserves the right to break large classes if deemed necessary, in which case the monies may be split.

Age Requirement

The Maine-Anjou, Maine Angus and MaineTainer Junior Heifer Show will follow the Junior Maine-Anjou Association age requirements. "Must be a member of qualifying age – cannot have reached their 22nd (twenty-two) birthday prior to January 1 of current year." Exhibitors will be required to lead their own heifer with no assistance regardless of age from Ring Stewards, Maine-Anjou Association Members, American Royal Staff, other exhibitors, parents, and anyone else. Special arrangements can be made beforehand for exhibitors that may need assistance while in the show ring.

Dues Requirement

All Junior Maine-Anjou exhibitors must be current dues paid members of the American Junior Maine-Anjou Association.

ANIMALS RECORDED IN MORE THAN ONE BREED REGISTRY MAY ONLY SHOW IN ONE BREED SHOW. ANIMALS MUST SHOW IN THE SAME BREED IN THE OPEN AND JUNIOR SHOW, IF ELIGIBLE.

Class numbers may change following check-in.

Classes

Maine-Anjou Division

Registered 75% Maine-Anjou or greater

1. Spring Heifer Calves, calved after March 1- May 31, 2026
   $40 $30 $20 $10

2. Junior Heifer Calves, calved January 1- February 28, 2026

$40 $30 $20 $10

Champion Junior Heifer Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf- Rosette

3. Winter Heifer Calves, calved November 1- December 31, 2025
   $40 $30 $20 $10

4. Senior Heifer Calves, calved September 1- October 31, 2025
   $40 $30 $20 $10

Champion Senior Heifer Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf- Rosette

5. Late Summer Yearling Heifers, calved July 1- August 31, 2025
   $40 $30 $20 $10

6. Early Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May 1- June 30, 2025
   $40 $30 $20 $10

Champion Summer Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Summer Heifer- Rosette

7. Late Spring Yearling Heifers, calved April 1- April 30, 2025
   $40 $30 $20 $10

8. Spring Yearling Heifers, calved March 1- March 31, 2025
   $40 $30 $20 $10

9. Junior Yearling Heifers, calved January 1- February 28, 2025
   $40 $30 $20 $10

Champion Junior Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer- Rosette

10. Senior Yearling Heifers, calved September 1- December 31, 2024
    $40 $30 $20 $10

Champion Senior Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer- Rosette

11. Cow-Calf Pair - calved August 31, 2024 and before.
    Cow with natural calf at side, must be lactating. Calves must not exceed 240 days of age on the day of judging and must be nursing. Calf entries in the Cow-Calf class may be shown individually providing individual entry has been made.

Grand Champion Cow-Calf Pair - Rosette
Reserve Champion Cow-Calf Pair - Rosette

Grand Champion Maine-Anjou Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Maine-Anjou Heifer- Rosette

Maine Angus Division

All Maine Angus females need to be TH and PHA free by either parents or test, have an AMAA issued Maine Angus paper, and meet all Maine Angus color requirements.

12. Spring Heifer Calves, calved after March 1- May 31, 2026
    $40 $30 $20 $10

13. Junior Heifer Calves, calved January 1- February 28, 2026
    $40 $30 $20 $10

Champion Junior Heifer Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf- Rosette

14. Winter Heifer Calves, calved November 1- December 31, 2025
    $40 $30 $20 $10

15. Senior Heifer Calves, calved September 1- October 31, 2025
    $40 $30 $20 $10

Champion Senior Heifer Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf- Rosette

16. Late Summer Yearling Heifers, calved July 1- August 31, 2025
    $40 $30 $20 $10

17. Early Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May 1- June 30, 2025
    $40 $30 $20 $10

Champion Summer Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Summer Heifer- Rosette

18. Late Spring Yearling Heifers, calved April 1- April 30, 2025
    $40 $30 $20 $10

19. Spring Yearling Heifers, calved March 1- March 31, 2025
    $40 $30 $20 $10

20. Junior Yearling Heifers, calved January 1- February 28, 2025
    $40 $30 $20 $10

Champion Junior Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer- Rosette

21. Senior Yearling Heifers, calved September 1- December 31, 2024
    $40 $30 $20 $10

Champion Senior Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer- Rosette

22. Cow-Calf Pair - calved August 31, 2024 and before.
Cow with natural calf at side, must be lactating. Calves must not exceed 240 days of age on the day of judging and must be nursing. Calf entries in the Cow-Calf class may be shown individually providing individual entry has been made.

Grand Champion Cow-Calf Pair - Rosette
Reserve Champion Cow-Calf Pair - Rosette

Grand Champion Maine Angus Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Maine Angus Heifer- Rosette

MaineTainer Division

Registered ¼ through 5/8 Maine-Anjou Females

23. Spring Heifer Calves, calved after March 1- May 31, 2026
$40 $30 $20 $10

24. Junior Heifer Calves, calved January 1- February 28, 2026
$40 $30 $20 $10

Champion Junior Heifer Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf- Rosette

25. Winter Heifer Calves, calved November 1- December 31, 2025
$40 $30 $20 $10

26. Senior Heifer Calves, calved September 1- October 31, 2025
$40 $30 $20 $10

Champion Senior Heifer Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf- Rosette

27. Late Summer Yearling Heifers, calved July 1- August 31, 2025
$40 $30 $20 $10

28. Early Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May 1- June 30, 2025
$40 $30 $20 $10

Champion Summer Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Summer Heifer- Rosette

29. Late Spring Yearling Heifers, calved April 1- April 30, 2025
$40 $30 $20 $10

30. Spring Yearling Heifers, calved March 1- March 31, 2025
$40 $30 $20 $10

31. Junior Yearling Heifers, calved January 1- February 28, 2025
    $40 $30 $20 $10

Champion Junior Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer- Rosette

32. Senior Yearling Heifers, calved September 1- December 31, 2024
    $40 $30 $20 $10

Champion Senior Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer- Rosette

33. Cow-Calf Pair - calved August 31, 2023 and before.
    Cow with natural calf at side, must be lactating. Calves must not exceed 240 days of age on the day of judging and must be nursing. Calf entries in the Cow-Calf class may be shown individually providing individual entry has been made.

Grand Champion Cow-Calf Pair - Rosette
Reserve Champion Cow-Calf Pair - Rosette

Grand Champion MaineTainer Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion MaineTainer Heifer- Rosette

Supreme Champion Junior Breeding Heifer

The Grand Champion MaineTainer Heifer, the Grand Champion Maine Angus, and the Grand Champion Maine-Anjou Heifer qualify and are expected to compete for the Supreme Champion Junior Breeding Heifer of the 2026 American Royal Livestock Show on Sunday, October 26th, 2026.. The Supreme Champion will receive a $10,000 scholarship and the remaining breed champions exhibited will each receive a $500 or $1000 scholarship based on number of heifers shown over a 5 year average.

Scholarships are presented only for advanced educational purposes of the winners. The sums assigned annually as scholarships will be maintained by the American Royal until such time as the recipients have enrolled and demonstrate that said recipients have enrolled and demonstrate that said funds will be directed to scholarship purposes. These scholarships are non-transferable. The funds shall be paid directly to the college or institution of advanced learning and/or training as approved by the Executive Committee of the American Royal.

Maine-Anjou Open Show

Superintendent:
Blake Nelson, Executive Vice President, American Maine-Anjou Association
Lindsey Broek, American Maine-Anjou Association
Rylee Barber, Member. Services, American Maine-Anjou Association

Entry Fee:
$110 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)

$3,240 in Premiums

American Royal Association	$1,620
American Maine-Anjou Association	$1,620
	$3,240

The American Royal will keep a $95 per head entry fee and the balance will be remitted to the American Maine-Anjou Association to be used for premiums. The American Maine-Anjou Association's portion of the premiums is paid to the American Royal to be included in their premium checks to the exhibitors.

Entries

- New in 2026 – All cattle classes will be labeled as the following at the time of entries:
  - 1 Heifer
  - 2 Cow/Calf
  - 3 Bulls
- Classes will still be broken by age based on each breed's individual guidelines but exhibitors will NOT select that class during entries.

Maine-Anjou Rules

1. Exhibitors are subject to all rules and regulations of the American Maine-Anjou Association. When entry is made, exhibitors agree to abide with the rules and regulations established by the AMAA as well as the rules of the show management. Entries found to be misrepresented, or persons not abiding by the show rules may be disqualified from showing.

2. All animals must be registered in the AMAA or CMAA and the original certificate presented at check-in.

3. Tattoos will be checked, must be legible, and correspond exactly with the registration certificate. Other than a brucellosis calf hood tattoo, there shall be no permanent identification marks other than those noted on the certificate of registry.

4. The attempted surgical or non-surgical alteration or conformation of an animal is prohibited, except for dehorning. Cattle are to be shown in their natural conformation.

5. The use of false tailheads or adding hair or other material to any part of the animal's body is prohibited.

6. The dyeing or artificial changing of the existing color pattern and color will be prohibited.

7. All animals over 7 months of age must be dehorned.

8. Any and all cattle shall be made available to have blood drawn for parentage verification, detection of foreign substances or the presence of altering. If recorded parent is excluded as a results of blood typing, the owner may at his expense, request the AMAA to determine the actual parent. Failure to determine parentage will result in disqualification of that animal from the AMAA Herdbook.

9. Bulls 10 months of age and older must be shown with a bull lead in place.

10. Heifers exhibited at 20 months of age or older must be accompanied by a certificate of pregnancy. For heifers used in embryo transfer, a certificate of positive fertility issued by a licensed veterinarian must be available for inspection.

11. Bulls exhibited at 14 months of age or older must have had a positive semen test and a certificate to that effect must be available for inspection.

12. Exhibitors shall wear show harnesses to exhibit entry numbers and performance data cards for all AMAA sponsored shows.

13. No acritical filling allowed.

14. Protests must be submitted in writing at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of judging or at the conclusion of judging. Written protests are accompanied by $150 refundable fee and three (3) signatures of current AMAA members. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation and, depending on the basis of the protest a decision may be withheld until a complete investigation is made. All protests must also adhere to the American Royal protest rules found under Rules & Regulations in the American Royal premium book information.

Show management reserves the right to break large classes, if deemed necessary, in which case the monies may be split.
Animals recorded in more than one breed registry may only show in one breed show. Animals must show in the same breed in the open and junior show, if eligible.

MaineTainer & Maine-Anjou Bull Shows

MaineTainer bulls must be registered ¼ through 5/8 Maine-Anjou.
Maine-Anjou bulls must be 75% Maine-Anjou or greater.

The individual classes will be divided after the bulls are checked in. The bull classes will consist of bulls born January 1, 2023 through June 1, 2026. There will be a maximum of 6 Maine-Anjou bull classes (class #'s 15-20) and a maximum of 6 MaineTainer bull classes (class #'s 21-26).

Premiums

Premiums will be paid in each class as follows:

1st- $30 2nd- $20 3rd- $10

Classes

Classes and Divisions will be established after check-in.

Maine-Anjou Females

(Must be 75% Maine-Anjou or greater)

1. Heifer calves born April 1-May 1, 2026
   $30 $20 $10

2. Heifer calves born March 1-March 31, 2026

Champion Junior Heifer Calf Division 1- Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf Division 1 - Rosette

3. Heifer calves born February 1-February 28, 2026
   $30 $20 $10

4. Heifer calves born January 1-January 31, 2026
   $30 $20 $10

Champion Junior Heifer Calf Division 2 - Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf Division 2 - Rosette

5. Winter Heifer Calves, calved November 1 – December 31, 2025
   $30 $20 $10

6. Senior Heifer Calves, calved September 1 – October 31, 2025
   $30 $20 $10

Champion Senior Heifer Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf- Rosette

7. Late Summer Yearling Heifer, calved July 1 – August 31, 2025
   $30 $20 $10
8. Early Summer Yearling Heifer, calved May 1 – June 30, 2025
   $30 $20 $10

Champion Summer Heifer - Rosette
Reserve Champion Summer Heifer - Rosette

9. Late Spring Yearling Heifers, calved April 1 – April 30, 2025
   $30 $20 $10

10. Spring Yearling Heifers, calved March 1 – March 31, 2025
    $30 $20 $10

11. Junior Yearling Heifers, calved January 1 – February 28, 2025
    $30 $20 $10

Champion Junior Heifer - Rosette

Reserve Champion Junior Heifer - Rosette

12. Late Senior Yearling Heifers, calved November 1 – December 31, 2024
    $30 $20 $10

13. Early Senior Yearling Heifers, calved September 1 – October 31, 2024
    $30 $20 $10

Champion Senior Heifer - Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer - Rosette

14. Cow-Calf- calved August 31, 2023 and before. Cow with natural calf at side, must be lactating. Calves must not exceed 240 days of age on the day of judging and must be nursing. Calf entries in the Cow-Calf class may be shown individually providing individual entry has been made.
    $30 $20 $10

Grand Champion Cow-Calf- Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Cow-Calf- Rosette

Grand Champion Maine-Anjou Female- Plaque, Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Maine-Anjou Female- Rosette

Maine Angus Females

All Maine Angus females need to be TH and PHA free by either parents or test, have an AMAA issued Maine Angus registration paper and meet the Maine Angus color requirements.

27. Heifer calves born April 1-May 1, 2026
    $30 $20 $10

28. Heifer calves born March 1-March 31, 2026
    $30 $20 $10

Champion Junior Heifer Calf Division I - Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf Division I - Rosette

29. Heifer calves born February 1-February 28, 2026
    $30 $20 $10

30. Heifer calves born January 1-January 31, 2026

Champion Junior Heifer Calf Division 2 - Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf Division 2 - Rosette

31. Winter Heifer Calves, calved November 1 – December 31, 2025
    $30 $20 $10

32. Senior Heifer Calves, calved September 1 – October 31, 2025
    $30 $20 $10

Champion Senior Heifer Calf- Rosette

Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf - Rosette

33. Late Summer Yearling Heifer, calved July 1 – August 31, 2025
    $30 $20 $10

34. Early Summer Yearling Heifer, calved May 1 – June 30, 2025
    $30 $20 $10

Champion Summer Heifer - Rosette
Reserve Champion Summer Heifer -Rosette

35. Late Spring Yearling Heifers, calved April 1 – April 30, 2025
    $30 $20 $10

36. Spring Yearling Heifers, calved March 1 – March 31, 2025
    $30 $20 $10

37. Junior Yearling Heifers, calved January 1 – February 28, 2025
    $30 $20 $10

Champion Junior Heifer - Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer - Rosette

38. Late Senior Yearling Heifers, calved November 1 – December 31, 2024
    $30 $20 $10

39. Early Senior Yearling Heifers, calved September 1 – October 31, 2024
    $30 $20 $10

Senior Champion Heifer - Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer- Rosette

40. Cow-Calf- calved August 31, 2023 and before. Cow with natural calf at side, must be lactating. Calves must not exceed 240 days of age on the day of judging and must be nursing. Calf entries in the Cow-Calf class may be shown individually providing individual entry has been made.
    $30 $20 $10

Grand Champion Cow-Calf- Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Cow-Calf- Rosette

Grand Champion Maine Angus Female- Plaque, Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Maine Angus Female- Plaque, Rosette

MaineTainer Females

(Registered ¼ through 5/8 Maine-Anjou Females)

41. Heifer calves born April 1-May 1, 2026
    $30 $20 $10

42. Heifer calves born March 1 -March 31, 2026

$30 $20 $10

Champion Junior Heifer Calf Division I - Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf Division I - Rosette

43. Heifer calves born February 1-February 28, 2026
    $30 $20 $10

44. Heifer calves born January 1- January 31, 2026
    $30 $20 $10

Champion Junior Heifer Calf Division 2 - Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf Division 2 - Rosette

45. Winter Heifer Calves, calved November 1 – December 31, 2025
    $30 $20 $10

46. Senior Heifer Calves, calved September 1 – October 31, 2025
    $30 $20 $10

Champion Senior Heifer Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf - Rosette

47. Late Summer Yearling Heifer, calved July 1 – August 31, 2025
    $30 $20 $10

48. Early Summer Yearling Heifer, calved May 1 – June 30, 2025
    $30 $20 $10

Champion Summer Heifer - Rosette
Reserve Champion Summer Heifer - Rosette

49. Late Spring Yearling Heifers, calved April 1 – April 30, 2025
    $30 $20 $10

50. Spring Yearling Heifers, calved March 1 – March 31, 2025
    $30 $20 $10

51. Junior Yearling Heifers, calved January 1 – February 28, 2025
    $30 $20 $10

Champion Junior Heifer - Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer - Rosette

52. Late Senior Yearling Heifers, calved November 1 – December 31, 2024
    $30 $20 $10

53. Early Senior Yearling Heifers, calved September 1 – October 31, 2024
    $30 $20 $10

Champion Senior Heifer - Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer - Rosette

54. Cow-Calf- calved August 31, 2023 and before. Cow with natural calf at side, must be lactating. Calves must not exceed 240 days of age on the day of judging and must be nursing. Calf entries in the Cow-Calf class may be shown individually providing individual entry has been made.
    $30 $20 $10

Grand Champion Cow-Calf- Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Cow-Calf- Rosette

Grand Champion MaineTainer Female- Plaque, Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion MaineTainer Female- Plaque, Rosette

100% Fullblood Maine-Anjou Female

(Animals entered in the following classes must be 100% Fullbood Maine-Anjou. There are no divisions. Classes will be split by age, youngest to oldest.)

Heifers born on or after September 1, 2024

Grand Champion Fullblood Maine-Anjou Female
Reserve Grand Champion Fullblood Maine-Anjou Female

100% Fullblood Bulls

(Animals entered in the following classes must be 100% Fullbood Maine-Anjou. There are no divisions. Classes will be split by age, youngest to oldest.)

Bulls born on or after January 1, 2024

Grand Champion Fullblood Maine-Anjou Bull
Reserve Grand Champion Fullblood Maine-Anjou Bull

Group Classes

MaineTainer may be used in group classes. MaineTainer placings in individual classes will be used to help determine the Premier Exhibitor and Premier Breeder.
Entries in the Cow-Calf classes may enter group classes. If the calf is shown in an individual class, both animals of the pair will count as individual animals. If the calf is shown only with the cow in a Cow-Calf class, the pair may enter a group class as a single animal unit.
No premiums will be paid in group classes

55. Breeder's Group- Three (3) head, both sexes represented. All three head to have same breeder name on individual registration certificates.

56. Produce of Dam- Two (2) animals from the same dam. Dam information to be supplied on entry into class.

57. Get-of-Sire- Three (3) head, any age, both sexes represented, all by one sire.

58. Best Four Head- Any age, owned or co-owned by one exhibitor.

AMAA Special Awards

Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor awards will also be presented.

Maine-Anjou Junior Heifer Show information is located in the Junior Heifer section.

Miniature Hereford Junior Heifers

Entry Fee:
$ 95.00 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)

Showmanship Entry Fee:
(If included with entry) $10.00
(At time of check-in) $30.00

Entries

- New in 2026 – All cattle classes will be labeled as the following at the time of entries:
  - 1 Heifer
  - 2 Cow/Calf
  - 3 Bulls
- Classes will still be broken by age based on each breed's individual guidelines but exhibitors will NOT select that class during entries.

All general rules & regulations for the American Royal Livestock Show apply.

Miniature Hereford Rules

1. **American Royal DOES NOT Offer a Pre-Junior Show.**

2. All rules of the Junior Breeding Division and Miniature Hereford Open Show apply.

3. Cattle entered must be registered in the Herdbook of the American Hereford Association.

4. Original registration papers must accompany all animals at time of check-in. Entries with registrations pending, illegible tattoos, or improper tattoos as shown on the registration certificate at check-in time are ineligible for competition. Maximum height at hip to be shown in these classes 45” on mature females and 48” on mature steers. All entries will be measured at check-in. Those exceeding the height requirement will be disqualified from competition.

5. All exhibitors must be current members of the Miniature Hereford Breeders Association to be eligible to show.

6. Entries are subject to provisions and rules for showing as set forth by the AHA Board of Directors and are subject to supervision and review of the Show and Sale Committee/Superintendent(s) representing the MHBA.

7. Animals must be registered solely in the junior exhibitor’s name on or before September 10th, 2026. Animals registered in the family name or two or more juniors’ names are not eligible to show in the junior show. This

applies even if an animal is registered in a farm or ranch name and the junior member is the only person listed on that membership. Bred and owned animals must be owned solely by the junior exhibitor on or before September 10th, 2026.

8. Heifers will show by age in the classes listed below.

9. Prospect steers must be born in current year only. Market Steers must be born in previous year only.

10. Show management reserves the right to break large classes if deemed necessary, in which case the monies may be split.

11. Exhibitors of the Champion Junior Heifer of their respective breed are expected to show in the Supreme Heifer Drive unless otherwise stated in breed rules. Any exhibitor choosing not to compete as the breed champion will not receive a scholarship and that breed will not be represented in the Supreme Champion line-up. Exhibitors of these champions should be present to show their own animal(s) unless prior permission is given by show management.

Age Requirement

Miniature Hereford Junior Exhibitors must be between the age of 3 years old and 22 years old as of January 1, 2026 to qualify to show. Exhibitors MUST exhibit their animal independently. Only one person (the exhibitor) per animal will be allowed in the ring**. Parents, adult, or a fellow exhibitor will NOT be allowed in the ring, to assist the junior**. Special arrangements can be made beforehand for exhibitors that may need assistance while in the show ring.

ANIMALS RECORDED IN MORE THAN ONE BREED REGISTRY MAY ONLY SHOW IN ONE BREED SHOW. ANIMALS MUST SHOW IN THE SAME BREED IN THE OPEN AND JUNIOR SHOW, IF ELIGIBLE.

Classes

Junior Heifers

1. Spring Heifer Calves, calved May 1- or after, 2026

2. Spring Heifer Calves, calved March 1 – April 30, 2026

3. Junior Heifer Calves, calved January 1- February 28, 2026

Champion Junior Heifer Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf- Rosette

4. Senior Heifer Calves, calved November 1- December 31, 2025

5. Senior Heifer Calves, calved September 1 – October 31, 2025

Champion Senior Heifer Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf- Rosette

6. Summer Yearling Heifers, calved July 1 – August 31, 2025

7. Early Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May- June 30, 2025

Champion Summer Yearling Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Summer Yearling Heifer- Rosette

8. Spring Yearling Heifers, calved March 1- April 30, 2025

Champion Spring Yearling Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Spring Yearling Heifer- Rosette

9. Junior Yearling Heifers, calved January 1- February 28, 2025

Champion Junior Yearling Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Yearling Heifer- Rosette

10. Senior Yearling Heifers, calved September 1- December 31, 2023

Champion Senior Yearling Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Yearling Heifer- Rosette

Grand Champion Miniature Hereford Heifer- Banner
Reserve Grand Champion Miniature Hereford Heifer- Banner

Steers

Steers will be weighed and any added class breaks (if needed) will be by weight.

11. Prospect Steers calved January 1 – or after, 2026

Champion Prospect Steer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Prospect Steer- Rosette

12. Market Steers calved January 1 – December 31, 2025

Champion Market Steer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Market Steer- Rosette

Supreme Champion Junior Breeding Heifer

The Grand Champion Miniature Hereford Junior Heifer qualifies to compete for the Supreme Champion Junior Breeding Heifer of the 2026 American Royal Livestock Show on Sunday, October 26th, 2026. The Supreme Champion will receive a $10,000 scholarship and the remaining breed champions exhibited will each receive a $500 or $1000 scholarship based on number of heifers shown over a 5 year average.

Scholarships are presented only for advanced educational purposes of the winners. The sums assigned annually as scholarships will be maintained by the American Royal until such time as the recipients have enrolled and demonstrate that said recipients have enrolled and demonstrate that said funds will be directed to scholarship purposes. These scholarships are non-transferable. The funds shall be paid directly to the college or institution of advanced learning and/or training as approved by the Executive Committee of the American Royal.

Miniature Hereford Open Show

Justin Grady, President, Miniature Hereford Breeders Association

Entry Fee:
$95 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)

The Miniature Hereford Breeders Association's portion of the premiums is paid to the American Royal Association to be included in their premium checks to the exhibitors.

Entries

- New in 2026 – All cattle classes will be labeled as the following at the time of entries:
  - 1 Heifer
  - 2 Cow/Calf
  - 3 Bulls
- Classes will still be broken by age based on each breed's individual guidelines but exhibitors will NOT select that class during entries.

Minature Hereford Rules

1. American Royal entry forms properly filled out and accompanied by appropriate fees must be submitted online on or before September 10th, 2026.

2. The American Royal will keep $ 95.00 of the per head entry fee and the balance will be remitted to the Miniature Hereford Breeders Association to be used for premiums.

3. All exhibitors must be current members of the Miniature Hereford Breeders Association to be eligible to show.

4. Cattle entered must be registered in the Herdbook of the American Hereford Association. Polled and Horned will show together in all miniature classes. Entries with registrations pending, illegible tattoos, or improper tattoos as shown on the registration certificate at check-in time are ineligible for competition. Maximum height at hop to be shown in these classes is 45" on mature females and 48" on mature bulls and steers. All entries will be measured at check-in. Those exceeding the height requirement will be disqualified from competition.

5. Entries are subject to provisions and rules for showing as set forth by the AHA Board of Directors and are subject to supervision of the Show and Sale Committee representing the MHBA.

6. Cattle must be entered and exhibited under the recorded ownership at the time of show entry deadline. Jointly owned animals must be entered and shown under the multi-ownership (all co-owners) in the individual classes.

7. All cattle must meet the health requirements set out by the show management. Any deviation will be just cause for immediate disqualification from the show.

8. All bulls born before January 1, 2026 must show with a nose lead. The right to disqualify from the show any animal deemed unmanageable is reserved by the show officials.

9. Any female with a calf at her side, regardless of age, must show in the Cow-Calf class. All females born before August 31, 2022 must be shown with calf at her side. All females born September 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023 must be accompanied by a verification of pregnancy signed by licensed veterinarian. Exception to the rule of safe in calf will apply to: 1.) a donor female that has produced fertile eggs in the previous twelve (12) months as verified in a written statement from a licensed veterinarian of 2) females shown with calf at her side.

10. All females shown in Cow-calf classes with a calf over 150 days of age must be bred back and must be accompanied by a verification of pregnancy signed by a licensed veterinarian.

11. Cow-Calf- Any female with a calf at her side, regardless of age, must show in the Cow-Calf class. Calf must be cow's natural calf. Cows that are exhibited with calves at the side must be lactating. Calves must not exceed 240 days of age on day of judging and must be nursing. Calf entries in the Cow-Calf class may be shown individually providing individual entry has been made. Cows may be evaluated and screen out of the show on basis of udder quality. The determination of the show committee is final.

12. Prospect steers must be born in current year.

13. Market Steers must be born in previous year only.

14. Any person found guilty of misrepresentation, or not abiding by the show rules, will be disqualified and denied the privilege of showing.
15. Show management reserves the right to break large classes, if deemed necessary, in which case the monies may be split.

Classes

Females

1. Spring Heifer Calf, calved May 1 or after, 2026

2. Spring Heifer Calf, calved March 1 – April 30, 2026

3. Junior Heifer Calf, calved January 1 – February 28, 2026

Champion Junior Heifer Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf - Rosette

4. Senior Heifer Calf, calved November 1 – December 31, 2025

5. Senior Heifer Calf, calved September 1 – October 31, 2025

Champion Senior Heifer Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf - Rosette

6. Summer Yearling Heifer, calved July 1 – August 31, 2025

7. Early Summer Yearling Heifer, calved May 1 – June 30, 2025

Champion Summer Yearling Heifer - Rosette
Reserve Champion Summer Yearling Heifer - Rosette

8. Spring Yearling Heifer, calved March 1 – April 30, 2025

Champion Spring Yearling Heifer - Rosette
Reserve Champion Spring Yearling Heifer - Rosette

9. Junior Yearling Heifer, calved January 1 – February 28, 2025

Champion Junior Yearling Heifer - Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Yearling Heifer - Rosette

10. Senior Yearling Heifer, calved September 1 – December 31, 2023

Champion Senior Yearling Heifer - Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Yearling Heifer - Rosette

Grand Champion Female- Banner, Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Female-Banner, Rosette

11. Cow-Calf (See Rule #12), cow born on or before August 31, 2023 with natural nursing calf (not embryo transplant)

Champion Cow-Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion Cow-Calf- Rosette

12. Pair of Females- Two (2) females, bred and owned. Females must have been entered and shown in individual classes. Cow-Calf pair is not eligible, the calf is eligible if shown in individual class.

Bulls

13. Spring Bull Calf, calved May 1 – or after, 2026

14. Spring Bull Calf, calved March 1 – April 30, 2026

15. Junior Bull Calf, calved January 1 – February 28, 2026

Champion Junior Bull Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Bull Calf - Rosette

16. Senior Bull Calf, calved November 1 – December 31, 2025

17. Senior Bull Calf, calved September 1 – October 31, 2025

Champion Senior Bull Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Bull Calf - Rosette

18. Summer Yearling Bull, calved July 1 – August 31, 2025

19. Summer Yearling Bull, calved May 1 – June 30, 2025

Champion Summer Yearling Bull - Rosette
Reserve Champion Summer Yearling Bull - Rosette

20. Spring Yearling Bull, calved March 1 – April 30, 2025

Champion Spring Yearling Bull - Rosette
Reserve Champion Spring Yearling Bull- Rosette

21. Junior Yearling Bull, calved January 1 – February 29, 2025

Champion Junior Yearling Bull - Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Yearling Bull - Rosette

22. Senior Yearling Bull, calved July 1 – December 31, 2023

23. Two-Year-Old Bull, calved January 1 – June 30, 2023

Champion Senior Yearling Bull - Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Yearling Bull - Rosette

Grand Champion Bull- Banner, Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Bull- Banner, Rosette

24. Pair of Bulls- Two (2) bulls, bred and owned. Bulls must have been entered and shown in their individual classes. The bull calf of a Cow-Calf pair is eligible if shown in individual class.

Steers

Steers will be weighed and any added class breaks (if needed) will be by weight.

25. Prospect Steers, calved January 1 or after, 2026

Champion Prospect Steer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Prospect Steer- Rosette

26. Market Steers, calved January 1 – December 31, 2025

Champion Market Steer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Market Steer- Rosette

27. Premier Exhibitor- Awarded with the following point system:
    1st place= 5 points
    2nd place= 4 points
    3rd place= 3 points
    4th place= 2 points
    5th place= 1 point
    No points will be awarded to Pair of Females or Pair of Bulls.

28. Premier Breeder- Same point system as Premier Exhibitor.

Miniature Hereford Junior Heifer Show information is located in the Junior Heifer section.

Red Angus Junior Heifers

Superintendents:
Erin Dorsey, Red Angus Association of America
JUDGE: Dan Harker, Hope, IN

Entry Fee:
$ 95.00 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)

Showmanship Entry Fee:
(If included with entry) $10.00
(At time of check-in) $30.00

$1,000 in Premiums

American Royal Association	$500
Red Angus Associations & RAAA	$500
	$1,000

This is a Red Angus Association of America (RAAA) Regional Show.

Entries

- New in 2026 – All cattle classes will be labeled as the following at the time of entries:
  - 1 Heifer
  - 2 Cow/Calf
  - 3 Bulls
- Classes will still be broken by age based on each breed's individual guidelines but exhibitors will NOT select that class during entries.

All general rules & regulations for the American Royal Livestock Show apply.

Red Angus Rules

1. All rules of the Junior Breeding Division and Red Angus Open Show apply.

2. Purebred females must be registered with the Red Angus Association of America (RAAA) and meet all requirements for Category 1A or 1B at the time of the show's published entry deadline. Category 1A and 1B cattle will show together in the same class.

3. All animals must have official registered status at the time of check-in.

4. At the time of processing, all females 20 months of age or older on publicized date of show must have one of the following:

a. Certificate of pregnancy from a licensed veterinarian.
b. Written statement by a licensed veterinarian or embryologist of having produced fertile eggs.

2. Substitutions may be permitted within sex.

3. All animals must have legible tattoos, which match the Animal ID and Herd Prefix as recorded in the RAAA database prior to processing.
   a. Animal ID and Herd Prefix verification may be via printed registration certificate or real time electronic representation of the RAAA database.
   b. If the Animal ID and /or Herd Prefix are not legible and cannot be read during processing, it will be allowed to participate in the show. A fee of $100 will be charged to the exhibitor for a DNA parentage test of said animal. Red Angus Association Breeder's Guide RR-37.
   c. If the Animal ID and /or Herd Prefix are legible but are incorrect and/or no visible indications of a tattoo in either ear, the animal will not be allowed to show.

4. DNA: Parent verification (Parentage test) must be completed and recorded in RedsPro on the individual animal and verified to the greatest extent possible before shown at any Red Angus National or Regional show including the Red Angus Youth Expo. The animal must be on R or I status.

   All cattle must meet status for both (parentage test and registration status) by noon the following day after check in at the following junior and open shows if time permits depending on the show schedule:

   Iowa State Fair, KILE, NILE, American Royal, Western National Red Angus, NAILE, Cattlemen's Congress and Fort Worth Stock Show

   All Grand and Reserve Champions and overall animals in all shows will have DNA collected to be parentage verified to the greatest extent.

   IMPORTANT RULE

   DNA: Parent verification must be completed on the individual animal and verified to the greatest extent possible before shown. (Implementation date RAYE 2024 and all upcoming Regional and National shows. Ruling passed at January Board meeting)

   All Grand and Reserve Champions and overall animals in all shows will have DNA collected to be parentage verified to the greatest extent.

   Please submit your DNA as soon as possible to allow ample time for the lab to process for all Regional and National shows.

   For questions regarding DNA, please contact the RAAA DNA department at dna@redangus.org.
   Download DNA order forms here: redangus.org/genetics/dna-forms
   Breeder's Guide: https://redangus.org/sales-and-events/red-angus-shows/

5. All exhibitors must be current members of the National Junior Red Angus Association at the time of check-in to be eligible to show.

6. Exhibitors must be the only recorded owner on record in the RAAA database of each animal(s) they exhibit.

7. If the exhibitor is not the first owner on record in the RAAA database of the animal entered in the Red Angus Junior Show, they must have had a transfer of ownership completed so that the owner on record is identified in the RAAA database as the junior member at the time of the show's published entry date.

8. Each animal will be exhibited in its natural conformation and structure without any alterations or modifications, with the exception of acceptable fitting and grooming practices. No pumping.

9. The use of paints and /or the addition of any hair or hair-like substance will not be allowed.

10. Entries are subject to provisions and rules for showing as set forth by the RAAA.

11. Show management reserves the right to break large classes if deemed necessary, in which case the monies may be split.

Age Requirement

Red Angus Junior Exhibitors must be under twenty-one (21) years of age as of the entry deadline (September 10th)

Declaration of Participation

Each exhibitor is subject to the following "Declaration of Participation" in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the RAAA:

"I/We, as exhibitor of Red Angus, having made entry application to any Red Angus show or exhibition do hereby agree:

- "To make our cattle available for any tests or examinations called for by authorized representatives of the RAAA or show officials with regard to acceptability of the cattle to be exhibited in the show".
- "To release the RAAA, its Board of Directors, staff and authorized representatives and any show staff/superintendents, from any claims for damages resulting from any such examinations or tests requested by authorized representatives of the Association or show officials".
- "To retain the right to challenge the results of any such examination or test in due course and under the provisions of the Right to Appeal, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the RAAA".

Classes

Classes

PERCENTAGE FEMALE CLASSES

1. May or Younger Heifer Calves, calved May 1, 2026, and after
2. April Heifer Calves, calved April 1 - 30, 2026
3. March Heifer Calves, calved March 1 - 31, 2026

Champion and Reserve Champion Percentage Spring Heifer Calf

4. February Heifer Calves, calved February 1 - 28, 2026
5. January Heifer Calves, calved January 1 - 31, 2026

Champion and Reserve Champion Percentage Junior Heifer Calf

6. Winter Heifer Calves, calved November 1 - December 31, 2025
7. Senior Heifer Calves, calved September 1 - October 31, 2025

Champion and Reserve Champion Percentage Fall Heifer Calf

8. Late Summer Yearling Heifers, calved July 1 - August 31, 2025
9. Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May 1 - June 30, 2025

Champion and Reserve Champion Percentage Intermediate Heifer

10. April Spring Yearling Heifers, calved April 1 - 30, 2025
11. March Yearling Heifers, calved March 1 - 31, 2025

Champion and Reserve Champion Percentage Senior Intermediate Heifer

12. February Yearling Heifers, calved February 1- 29, 2025
13. January Junior Yearling Heifers, calved January 1 - 31, 2025

Champion and Reserve Champion Percentage Junior Heifer

14. Winter Yearling Heifers, calved November 1 - December 31, 2024
15. Senior Yearling Heifers, calved September 1 - October 31, 2024

Champion and Reserve Champion Percentage Senior Heifer
Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Percentage Heifer

PUREBRED FEMALE CLASSES

1. May or Younger Heifer Calves, calved May 1, 2026, and after
2. April Heifer Calves, calved April 1 - 30, 2026
3. March Heifer Calves, calved March 1 - 31, 2026

Champion and Reserve Champion Spring Heifer Calf

4. February Heifer Calves, calved February 1 - 28, 2026
5. January Heifer Calves, calved January 1 - 31, 2026

Champion and Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf

6. Winter Heifer Calves, calved November 1 - December 31, 2025
7. Senior Heifer Calves, calved September 1 - October 31, 2025

Champion and Reserve Champion Fall Heifer Calf

8. Late Summer Yearling Heifers, calved July 1 - August 31, 2025
9. Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May 1 - June 30, 2025

Champion and Reserve Champion Intermediate Heifer

10. April Spring Yearling Heifers, calved April 1 - 30, 2025
11. March Yearling Heifers, calved March 1 - 31, 2025

Champion and Reserve Champion Senior Intermediate Heifer

12. February Yearling Heifers, calved February 1- 29, 2025
13. January Junior Yearling Heifers, calved January 1 - 31, 2025

Champion and Reserve Champion Junior Heifer

14. Winter Yearling Heifers, calved November 1 - December 31, 2024
15. Senior Yearling Heifers, calved September 1 - October 31, 2024

Champion and Reserve Champion Senior Heifer

16. Two Year Old Female with Calf (Cow must be born in or after January 2024. Calf
    a. must be under 250 days of age and still nursing. Calf may not be an ET calf)
17. Mature Cow & Calf (Cow must be born before January 2024. Calf must be under
    a. 250 days of age and still nursing. Calf may not be an ET calf)

Champion and Reserve Champion Cow/Calf Heifer
Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Heifer

Junior Herdsmanship Award
Award given to one JRA member competitor who maintains their Red Angus display of cattle and stalling area in a clean and orderly manner while at the American Royal. Special consideration given to those that go above and beyond by maintaining walkways and other general areas in the Red Angus stalling area. Award to be given during the Junior show.

Junior Royal Spirit Award
Award given to one JRA member competitor who advocates for Red Angus by promoting pride and enthusiasm for his/her Red Angus cattle to the public and actively supports other exhibitors and junior members for the betterment of the breed while at the American Royal. Award to be given during the Junior show.

Paul S. McKie Memorial Red Angus Award
The Paul S. McKie Memorial Red Angus Award was established by his family in 2023. The award will provide a $500 scholarship to the exhibitor with the champion junior female in the Red Angus Junior Show. The trophy will be housed at the American Royal throughout the year, engraved annually with the recipient's name.

Paul was the last volunteer President and first Board Chairman of the American Royal after serving many years as Chairman of the Livestock Show. Paul and his wife, Liz, founded Tailgate Ranch in 1965 outside Tonganoxie, Kansas, where it is still in operation today.

Paul's interest in Red Angus cattle began in 1994 when he brought home his first two Red Angus bulls from Schuler Ranch in Bridgeport, Nebraska. Paul's vision was a uniform cowherd with a "Husker Hue" (Red), at a time when the breed was just beginning to gain some attention. Paul valued the calving ease and growth potential evident in Red Angus, a combination of genetic traits that, in those days, were quite contrary to one another. The Tailgate reputation for producing high quality Red Angus-based female replacements and cattle, which efficiently produce high quality beef, is his ranching legacy.

Supreme Champion Junior Breeding Heifer

The Grand Champion Red Angus Junior Heifer qualifies to compete for the Supreme Champion Junior Breeding Heifer of the 2026 American Royal Livestock Show on Sunday, October 25th, 2026. The Supreme Champion will receive a $10,000 scholarship and the remaining breed champions exhibited will each receive a $500 or $1000 scholarship based on the number of heifers shown over a 5 year average.

Scholarships are presented only for advanced educational purposes of the winners. The sums assigned annually as scholarships will be maintained by the American Royal until such time as the recipients have enrolled and demonstrate that said recipients have enrolled and demonstrate that said funds will be directed to scholarship purposes. These scholarships are non-transferable. The funds shall be paid directly to the college or institution of advanced learning and/or training as approved by the Executive Committee of the American Royal.

Red Angus Open Show

Superintendents:
Erin Dorsey, Red Angus Association of American
JUDGE: Matt Criddle, Wrentham, AB

Entry Fee:
$ 95.00 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)

$2,000 in Premiums

American Royal Association	$1,000
Red Angus Associations	$1,000
	$2,000

This is now a Red Angus Association of America (RAAA) Regional Show.

Entries

- New in 2026 – All cattle classes will be labeled as the following at the time of entries:
  - 1 Heifer
  - 2 Cow/Calf
  - 3 Bulls
- Classes will still be broken by age based on each breed's individual guidelines but exhibitors will NOT select that class during entries.

All rules of the American Royal Livestock Show apply.

Declaration of Participation

Each exhibitor is subject to the following "Declaration of Participation" in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Red Angus Association of America (RAAA):
"I/We, as exhibitor of Red Angus, having made entry application to any Red Angus show or exhibition do hereby agree:

- "To make our cattle available for any tests or examinations called for by authorized representatives of the RAAA or show officials with regard to acceptability of the cattle to be exhibited in the show".
- "To release the RAAA, its Board of Directors, staff and authorized representatives and any show staff / superintendents, from any claims for damages resulting from any such examinations or tests requested by authorized representatives of the Association or show officials".
- "To retain the right to challenge the results of any such examination or test in due course and under the provisions of the Right to Appeal, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the RAAA".

Rules

1. American Royal entry forms properly filled out and accompanied by appropriate fees must be submitted online on or before September 10th, 2026.

2. Exhibitors must be members of the Red Angus Association of America or national Junior Red Angus Association and be in good standing at the time of check-in.

3. All animals entered will have at least one owner on record as a Regular or Junior member of RAAA at the time of check-in.

4. Purebred females and bulls must be registered with the RAAA and meet all requirements for Category 1A or 1B at the time of the show's published entry deadline. Category 1A and 1B cattle will show together in the same class.

5. All animals must have official registered status at the time of check-in.

6. Cow/Calf Pair Class (available in Purebred section only): Cows with natural calf at side. Calf must not be more than 250 days old on the date of show. Calf must not be an ET calf. Pairs will not be allowed in the percentage shows.

7. Substitutions may be permitted within sex.

8. All animals must have legible tattoos, which match the Animal ID and Herd Prefix as recorded in the RAAA database prior to processing.

    a. Animal ID and Herd Prefix verification may be via printed registration certificate or real time electronic representation of the RAAA database.
    b. If the Animal ID and /or Herd Prefix are not legible and cannot be read during processing, it will be allowed to participate in the show. A fee of $100 will be charged to the exhibitor for a DNA parentage test of said animal. Red Angus Association Breeder's Guide RR-37.
    c. If the Animal ID and /or Herd Prefix are legible, but are incorrect and/or no visible indications of a tattoo in either ear, the animal will not be allowed to show.

9. DNA: Parent verification (Parentage test) must be completed and recorded in RedsPro on the individual animal and verified to the greatest extent possible before shown at any Red Angus National or Regional show including the Red Angus Youth Expo. The animal must be on R or I status.

    All cattle must meet status for both (parentage test and registration status) by noon the following day after check in at the following junior and open shows if time permits depending on the show schedule:

        Iowa State Fair, KILE, NILE, American Royal, Western National Red Angus, NAILE, Cattlemen's Congress and Fort Worth Stock Show

    All Grand and Reserve Champions and overall animals in all shows will have DNA collected to be parentage verified to the greatest extent.

    IMPORTANT RULE

    DNA: Parent verification must be completed on the individual animal and verified to the greatest extent possible before shown. (Implementation date RAYE 2024 and all upcoming Regional and National shows. Ruling passed at January Board

meeting)

All Grand and Reserve Champions and overall animals in all shows will have DNA collected to be parentage verified to the greatest extent.

Please submit your DNA as soon as possible to allow ample time for the lab to process for all Regional and National shows.

For questions regarding DNA, please contact the RAAA DNA department at dna@redangus.org.

Download DNA order forms here: redangus.org/genetics/dna-forms

Breeder's Guide: https://redangus.org/sales-and-events/red-angus-shows/

10. Each animal will be exhibited in its natural conformation and structure without any alterations or modifications, with the exception of acceptable fitting and grooming practices. No pumping.

11. The use of coloring agents, paints, and /or the addition of any hair or hair-like substances will not be allowed.

12. At the time of processing, all females 20 months of age or older on publicized date of show must have one of the following:

    a. Certificate of pregnancy from a licensed veterinarian.
    b. Written statement by a licensed veterinarian or embryologist of having produced fertile eggs.
    c. A female's own natural born calf at side, which need not be registered, but must be eligible for category 1A or 1B registration in the RAAA.

13. All bulls 9 months of age or older on publicized date of show must be shown with a nose lead.

14. After processing, should the number of entries in any class exceed practicality, authorized show representative(s) will have the authority to "split" classes and divisions according to age and at the date of birth that best encourages fair competition.

15. Any calf exhibited at the side of their dam in a cow/calf class may be exhibited in an individual class subject to all pertinent RAAA Show Rules and Classifications.

16. Any exhibitor who loses control of his/her animal twice in the show ring will be required to remove the animal from the ring.

17. Entries are accepted with the understanding that each exhibitor agrees to conform to the Rules and Regulations of the RAAA. Enforcement will be at the discretion of the Red Angus authorized representatives and may include barring an animal or exhibitor.

18. Exhibitors shall exhibit sportsmanship and professional behavior in and around the show ring. Abusive, discourteous, or threatening behavior towards judges, show officials, fellow exhibitors or Red Angus authorized representatives will not be tolerated.

19. Official RAAA data may be provided to all judges for their utilization in making decisions. Only that data which is deemed by RAAA to provide the most meaningful prediction of the animal's genetic merit will be provided to judges and/or spectators.

Classes

Purebred Red Angus Females

1. May Heifer Calves, calved May 1, 2026 or after
2. April Heifer Calves, calved April 1 – April 30, 2026
3. March Heifer Calves, calved March 1 – March 31, 2026

Champion Spring Heifer Calf – Rosette
Reserve Champion Spring Heifer Calf – Rosette

4. February Heifer Calves, calved February 1 – February 28, 2026
5. January Heifer Calves, calved January 1 – January 31, 2026

Champion Junior Heifer Calf – Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf – Rosette

6. Winter Heifer Calves, calved November 1 – December 31, 2025
7. Senior Heifer Calves, calved September 1 – October 31, 2025

Champion Fall Heifer Calf – Rosette
Reserve Champion Fall Heifer Calf – Rosette

8. Late Summer Yearling Heifers, calved July 1 – August 31, 2025
9. Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May 1 – June 30, 2025

Champion Intermediate Heifer – Rosette
Reserve Champion Intermediate Heifer – Rosette

10. April Spring Yearling Heifers, calved April 1 – April 30, 2025
11. March Spring Yearling Heifers, calved March 1 – March 31, 2025

Champion Senior Intermediate Heifer – Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Intermediate Heifer – Rosette

12. February Spring Yearling Heifers, calved February 1 – February 28, 2025
13. January Spring Yearling Heifers, calved January 1 – January 31, 2025

Champion Junior Female – Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Female – Rosette

14. Winter Yearling Heifers, calved November 1 – December 31, 2024
15. Senior Yearling Heifers, calved September 1 – October 31, 2024

Champion Senior Female – Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Female – Rosette

16. Two-Year-Old Cow with Calf, cow must be born after January 2024; Calf may not be an ET calf, must be under 250 days of age and still nursing.

17. Mature Cow & Calf, cow must be born before January 2022; Calf may not be an ET calf, must be under 250 days of age and still nursing.

Cow/Calf Champion – Rosette
Reserve Cow/Calf Champion Female – Rosette

Grand Champion Female – Banner
Reserve Grand Champion Female – Banner

Purebred Bulls

18. May Bull Calves, calved May 1, 2026 or after
19. April Bull Calves, calved April 1 – April 30, 2026
20. March Bull Calves, calved March 1 – March 31, 2026

Champion Spring Bull Calf – Rosette
Reserve Champion Spring Bull Calf – Rosette

21. February Bull Calves, calved February 1 – February 28, 2026
22. January Bull Calves, calved January 1 – January 31, 2026

Junior Champion Bull Calf – Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Bull Calf – Rosette

23. Winter Bull Calves, calved November 1 – December 31, 2025
24. Senior Bull Calves, calved September 1 – October 31, 2025

Champion Fall Bull Calf – Rosette
Reserve Champion Fall Bull Calf– Rosette

25. Late Summer Yearling Bulls, calved July 1 – August 31, 2025
26. Summer Yearling Bulls, calved May 1 – June 30, 2025

Champion Intermediate Bull – Rosette
Reserve Champion Intermediate Bull – Rosette

27. April Spring Yearling Bulls, calved April 1 – April 30, 2025
28. March Spring Yearling Bulls, calved March 1 – March 31, 2025
29. February Spring Yearling Bulls, calved February 1 – February 28, 2025
30. January Spring Yearling Bulls, calved January 1 – January 31, 2025

Champion Junior Bull – Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Bull – Rosette

31. Senior Yearling Bulls, calved September 1 – December 31, 2024
32. Summer Senior Yearling Bulls, calved May 1 – August 31, 2024
33. Two-Year-Old Bulls, calved January 1 – April 30, 2024

Champion Senior Bull – Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Bull – Rosette

Grand Champion Bull – Banner

Reserve Grand Champion Bull – Banner

Group Classes

34. Produce-of-Dam

Two animals by the same dam, either or both sexes, both shown in their respective classes. Animals shown in this class need not be owned by the exhibitor.

35. Senior Get-of-Sire
    Four animals by the same sire, both sexes represented, need not be owned by the exhibitor. All animals must have been shown in their respective classes.

36. Junior Get-of-Sire
    Three animals by the same sire, both sexes represented, need not be owned by the exhibitor. Entries must have been calved on or after September 2024. All animals must have been shown in their respective classes.

37. Premier Breeder
    Will be computed from breeder's placement in individual classes only as follows: 3 points for each 1st; 2 points for each 2nd; 1 point for each 3rd Maximum number of placements to be used to determine the winner shall be limited to 5. Calculated on breeders of animals for exhibitors only. (In case of a tie, the next highest individual class placement will be used to determine the winner.)

38. Premier Exhibitor
    Will be computed from exhibitor's placement in individual classes only as follows: 3 points for each 1st; 2 points for each 2nd; 1 point for each 3rd. Maximum number of placements to be used to determine the winner shall be limited to 5. Calculated on breeders of animals for exhibitors only. (In case of a tie, the next highest individual class placement will be used to determine the winner.)

Red Angus Junior Heifer Show information is located in the Red Angus Junior Heifer section.

Salers Junior Heifers

Dean Pike, Director of Field Services, American Salers Association

Superintendent:
Todd Gustafson, Kearney, MO

Entry Fee:
$ 95.00 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)

Entries

- New in 2026 – All cattle classes will be labeled as the following at the time of entries:
  - 1 Heifer
  - 2 Cow/Calf
  - 3 Bulls
- Classes will still be broken by age based on each breed's individual guidelines but exhibitors will NOT select that class during entries.

American Royal Regional Salers Show

All premium money will be paid through the American Royal Association. Trophies and banners for championship classes will be sponsored by Salers breeders and ASA.

Salers/Optimizer Rules

1. The American Salers Association will host two divisions in conjunction with the American Royal Regional Salers Show. The Salers Division will be for 87.5% Fullblood Salers Females. The Optimizer Division will be for 50% to 87.4% Salers Females.

2. All animals exhibited must be recorded in the name of the exhibitor.

3. All animals must be registered in the American Salers Association or the Salers Association of Canada. All animals must be properly tattooed and will be inspected at the show. Tattoos must be legible and must match the registration papers which will be checked at the show. Only original registration papers from the ASA will be accepted when checking in cattle.

4. All entries must be made on current entry forms obtained from the American Royal. A separate entry form needs to be filled out for each exhibitor.

5. Exhibitors are subject to all rules and regulations of the American Salers Association and the American Royal as set forth in this Premium Book.

6. No exhibitors, individuals assisting exhibitors or member owners shall be allowed to use any coloring agents on any animal exhibited. Division Champions and Reserves may be checked by the “white towel” test prior to entering the champion line-up.

7. ASA will follow the American Royal Protest Rules.

Age Requirement

Salers Junior Exhibitors must be 21 years and under as of January 1, of the current year in order to be eligible.

Special arrangements can be made beforehand for exhibitors that may need assistance while in the show ring.

ANIMALS RECORDED IN MORE THAN ONE BREED REGISTRY MAY ONLY SHOW IN ONE BREED SHOW. ANIMALS MUST SHOW IN THE SAME BREED IN THE OPEN AND JUNIOR SHOW, IF ELIGIBLE.

Premiums

Premiums will be paid based on the number of entries. The American Royal awards ribbons to the prize winners in class, rosettes to the division champions, and plaques to the grand champions.

Show management reserves the right to break large classes, if deemed necessary, in which case the monies may be split.

Optimizer Division

1. American Royal Regional Salers Show Rules listed above will apply.

2. Classes and Championship breaks will be made after all cattle have been checked in.

3. Premiums will be paid based on the number of entries.

4. Cattle that meet the following criteria are eligible to show:
    a. Females calved September 1, 2023 through May 31, 2026

Classes

Optimizer Heifers

Females must be 50% to 87.4% Salers.

1.-5. There will be a maximum of five heifer classes (class # 1-5)

Salers Heifers

87.5% and Higher

6. Summer Heifer Calves, calved on or after April 1, 2026

7. Early Spring Heifer Calves, calved March 1 – March 31, 2026

Champion Spring Heifer Calf- Rosette
Reserve Champion Spring Heifer Calf- Rosette

8. Late Junior Heifer Calves, calved February 1 – February 28, 2026

9. Early Junior Heifer Calves, calved January 1 – January 31, 2026

Champion Junior Heifer Calf - Rosette

Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf - Rosette

10. Winter Heifer Calves, calved October 1 – December 31, 2025

11. Senior Heifer Calves, calved August 1 – September 30, 2025

Champion Senior Heifer Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf - Rosette

12. Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May 1 – July 31, 2025

13. Late & Early Spring Yearling Heifers, calved March 1 – April 30, 2025

Champion Junior Heifer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer - Rosette

14. Junior Yearling Heifers, calved February 1 – February 28, 2025

15. Junior Yearling Heifers, calved January 1 – January 31, 2025

16. Senior Yearling Heifers, calved September 1 – December 31, 2024

Champion Senior Heifer - Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer - Rosette

Grand Champion Female- Plaques, Rosettes
Reserve Grand Champion Female- Rosettes

Supreme Champion Junior Breeding Heifer

The Grand Champion Salers Junior Heifer qualifies to compete for the Supreme Champion Junior Breeding Heifer of the 2026 American Royal Livestock Show on Sunday, October 26th, 2026.The Supreme Champion will receive a $10,000 scholarship and the remaining breed champions exhibited will each receive a $500 or $1000 scholarship based on number of heifers shown over a 5 year average.

Scholarships are presented only for advanced educational purposes of the winners. The sums assigned annually as scholarships will be maintained by the American Royal until such time as the recipients have enrolled and demonstrate that said recipients have enrolled and demonstrate that said funds will be directed to scholarship purposes. These scholarships are non-transferable. The funds shall be paid directly to the college or institution of advanced learning and/or training as approved by the Executive Committee of the American Royal.

Salers Open Show

Dean Pike, Director of Field Services, American Salers Association

Superintendent:
Todd Gustafson, Kearney, MO

Entry Fee:
$ 95.00 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)

$2,000 in Premiums

American Royal Association	$1,000
Missouri Salers Association	$1,000
	$2,000

All premium money will be paid through the American Royal Association. Trophies and banners for championship classes will be sponsored by Salers breeders and ASA.

Entries

- New in 2026 – All cattle classes will be labeled as the following at the time of entries:
  - 1 Heifer
  - 2 Cow/Calf
  - 3 Bulls
- Classes will still be broken by age based on each breed's individual guidelines but exhibitors will NOT select that class during entries.

Salers Rules

1. The American Salers Association will host two divisions in conjunction with the American Royal Regional Salers Show. The Salers Division will be for 87.5% Fullblood Salers Bulls and Females. The Optimizer Division will be for 50% to 87.4% Salers Bulls and Females.

2. All animals exhibited must be recorded in the name of the exhibitor.

3. All animals must be registered in the American Salers Association or the Salers Association of Canada. All animals must be properly tattooed and will be inspected at the show. Tattoos must be legible and must match the registration papers which will be checked at the show. Only original registration papers from the ASA will be accepted when checking in cattle.

4. All entries must be made on current entry forms obtained from the American Royal. A separate entry form needs to be filled out for each exhibitor.

5. Exhibitors are subject to all rules and regulations of the American Salers Association and the American Royal as set forth in this Premium Book.

6. No exhibitors, individuals assisting exhibitors or member owners shall be allowed to use any coloring agents on any animal exhibited. Division Champions and Reserves will be checked by the “white towel” test prior to entering the champion line-up.

7. ASA will follow the American Royal Protest Rules.

8. American Royal Regional Salers Show Rules listed above will apply.

9. Classes and Championship breaks will be made after all cattle have been checked in.

10. First place in each individual Optimizer class will receive $40.00; other class premiums may be paid based on the number of entries.

11. Cattle that meet the following criteria are eligible to show:

    a. Females calved September 1, 2023 through May 31, 2026.

    b. Cow-Calf Pairs: cows under six (6) years of age on the day of the show and their natural, nursing calf which is eight (8) months of age or under on the day of the show. Cows must be lactating.

    c. Bulls calved January 1, 2023 through May 31, 2026

Premiums

First place in each individual class will receive $40.00. 2nd and 3rd place premiums may be paid based on the number of entries. Premiums will not be paid in Group Classes. The American Royal awards ribbons to the prize winners in class, rosettes to the division champions, and plaques to the grand champions.

Show management reserves the right to break large classes, if deemed necessary, in which case the monies may be split.

Classes

Optimizer Division

Females and Bulls must be 50% to 87.4% Salers.

1.-5. Heifer Classes

15. Cow/Calf

7.-10. Bull Classes

Salers Heifers

87.5% and Higher

11. Summer Heifer Calves, calved on or after April 1, 2026

12. Early Spring Heifer Calves, calved March 1 – March 31, 2026

Champion Spring Heifer Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Spring Heifer Calf - Rosette

13. Late Junior Heifer Calves, calved February 1 – February 28, 2026

14. Early Junior Heifer Calves, calved January 1 – January 31, 2026

Champion Junior Heifer Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf - Rosette

15. Winter Heifer Calves, calved October 1 – December 31, 2025

16. Senior Heifer Calves, calved August 1 – September 30, 2025

Champion Senior Heifer Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf - Rosette

17. Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May 1 – July 31, 2025

18. Late & Early Spring Yearling Heifers, calved March 1 – April 30, 2025

Champion Junior Heifer - Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer - Rosette

19. Junior Yearling Heifers, calved February 1 – February 28, 2025

20. Junior Yearling Heifers, calved January 1 – January 31, 2025

21. Senior Yearling Heifers, calved September 1 – December 31, 2024

Champion Senior Heifer - Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer - Rosette

Grand Champion Female- Plaques, Rosettes
Reserve Grand Champion Female- Rosettes

Salers Cow-Calf Pairs

22. Cows under three (3) years of age on the day of the show and their natural nursing calf which is eight (8) months of age or under on show day. Cows must be lactating. Salers Breed Percentage to be determined by the cow. The calf can be shown in the respective class if entered.

23. Cows three (3) years of age but under six (6) years of age on the day of the show and their natural nursing calf which is eight (8) months of age or under on the day of the show. Cow must be lactating. Salers Breed Percentage to be determined by the sow. The calf can be shown in the respective class if entered.

Grand Champion Cow-Calf- Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Cow-Calf- Rosette

**In shows with four (4) or less Cow-Calf pairs, all entries will show in one class with the judge provided the ages.

Salers Bulls

24. Summer Bull Calves, calved on or after April 1, 2026

25. Early Spring Bull Calves, calved March 1 – March 31, 2026

Champion Spring Bull Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Spring Bull Calf - Rosette

26. Late Junior Bull Calves, calved February 1 – February 28, 2026

27. Early Junior Bull Calves, calved January 1 – January 31, 2026

Champion Junior Bull Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Bull Calf - Rosette

28. Winter Bull Calves, calved October 1 – December 31, 2025

29. Senior Bull Calves, calved August 1 – September 30, 2025

Champion Senior Bull Calf - Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Bull Calf - Rosette

30. Summer Yearling Bulls, calved May 1 – July 31, 2025

31. Late & Early Spring Yearling Bulls, calved March 1 – April 30, 2025

32. Junior Yearling Bulls, calved February 1 – February 28, 2025

33. Junior Yearling Bulls, calved January 1 – January 31, 2025

Champion Junior Bull - Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Bull - Rosette

34. Senior Yearling Bulls, calved August 1 – December 31, 2024

35. Two-Year-Old Bulls, calved January 1 – July 31, 2024

Champion Senior Bull - Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Bull - Rosette

Grand Champion Bull- Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Bull- Rosette

Group Classes

Premiums will not be paid in group classes

36. Junior Get-of-Sire- Three (3) animal's shown in above single-entry classes of senior calves and younger, progeny of one sire, must include both sexes.

37. Get-of-Sire- four (4) animals shown in above single-entry classes, progeny of one sire, must include both sexes.

38. Produce of Dam- Two (2) animals shown in above single-entry classes, either or both sexes from the same dam.

39. Best Five Head- All five (5) head must be bred and owned or co-owned by on exhibitor.

Premier Exhibitor

The American Salers Association will present a banner to the Premier Exhibitor of the show. Points will be awarded to the person entering and exhibiting the animal including immediate family ownership such as children or grandchildren, with the winner being determined by the individual animal's placement within individual classes. Points will be awards as follows:

1st place= 3 points
2nd place= 2 points
3rd place= 1 point

Points will be divided on multiple-owned cattle according to percent of ownership. Maximum number of placements to be used to determine the winner shall be limited to five (5) placements that total the most number of points. In case of a tie, additional placements beyond five (5) will be used until a winner is determined.

Salers Junior Heifer Show information is located in the Salers Junior Heifer section.

Shorthorn & ShorthornPlus Junior Heifers

Superintendents:
Cassie Reid & Wade Minihan, American Shorthorn Association

Entry Fee:
$ 95.00 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)

Showmanship Entry Fee:
(If included with entry) $10.00
(At time of check-in) $30.00

Entries

- New in 2026 – All cattle classes will be labeled as the following at the time of entries:
  - 1 Heifer
  - 2 Cow/Calf
  - 3 Bulls
- Classes will still be broken by age based on each breed's individual guidelines but exhibitors will NOT select that class during entries.

All rules & regulations for the American Royal Livestock Show apply.

Junior Shorthorn/ShorthornPlus Rules

1. All rules of the Junior Breeding Division apply.
2. All animals must be registered in the records of the American Shorthorn Association (ASA) at the time of the show. ShorthornPlus animals must be registered 50% Shorthorn to qualify for the ShorthornPlus Division.
3. ASA will accept electronic registration papers at ASA sanctioned shows for check-in.
4. Animals entered in an ASA sponsored Junior Show may only be in the sole name of the individual junior exhibitor on or before September 10th, 2026 and must be exhibited by the owner. Bred and owned animals must be owned solely by the junior exhibitor on or before September 10, 2026.
5. Females 20 months of age on the day of the show need to have a pregnancy verification signed by an accredited, nonowner veterinarian at the time the female is processed for the show. If verification cannot be produced upon request, the exhibitor is allowed to find a qualified veterinarian to verify pregnancy prior to time of show.
6. Senior Yearling Females who have calved will show based on age. The exhibitor can exhibit the female with or without the calf at side. If a Purebred Female has a ShorthornPlus calf at side, it is not eligible for the Purebred Shorthorn Show, however it is eligible for the ShorthornPlus Show.
7. Females entered in a cow/calf class must have a natural born calf at side that does not exceed 280 days of age on show day, and the calf must be registered with the ASA. Bull, heifer and steer calves are eligible and must be 50% Shorthorn or greater. If a Purebred Female has a ShorthornPlus calf at side, it is not eligible for the Purebred Shorthorn Show, however it is eligible for the ShorthornPlus Show. Cow/Calf is a division that is included with all other female divisions for selection of Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Female.

8. All Shorthorn & ShorthornPlus are subject to a tattoo inspection, parentage DNA testing, an age inspection and/or females 20 months of age on day of show are subject to a blood test to prove pregnancy if deemed necessary by the ASA. The decision of an examining veterinarian is final.

Age Requirement

The 2026 Shorthorn and ShorthornPlus junior breeding heifer Show will follow the age requirements for the American Shorthorn Association for Junior Membership. Shorthorn and ShorthornPlus junior breeding heifer exhibitors must be 7 as of January 1, 2026, and not have had their 22nd birthday as of January 1, 2026.

ANIMALS RECORDED IN MORE THAN ONE BREED REGISTRY MAY ONLY SHOW IN ONE BREED SHOW. ANIMALS MUST SHOW IN THE SAME BREED IN THE OPEN AND JUNIOR SHOW, IF ELIGIBLE.

Classes

Classes will be broken using the ASA Show System Classifications following check-in procedures.
Entry in this show binds the exhibitor to all regulations pertaining thereto.

ShorthornPlus Female Classes

- ShorthornPlus Heifer calved September 1, 2024 and after
- ShorthornPlus Cow/Calf Cows born January 1, 2022-August 31, 2024

Shorthorn Female Classes

- Shorthorn Heifer calved September 1, 2024 and after
- Shorthorn Cow/Calf Cows born January 1, 2022-August 31, 2024

Supreme Champion Junior Breeding Heifer

The Grand Champion ShorthornPlus Heifer and the Grand Champion Shorthorn Heifer qualify and are expected to compete for the Supreme Champion Junior Breeding Heifer of the 2026 American Royal Livestock Show on Sunday, October 26th, 2026.. The Supreme Champion will receive a $10,000 scholarship and the remaining breed champions exhibited will each receive a $500 or $1000 scholarship based on number of heifers shown over a 5 year average.

Scholarships are presented only for advanced educational purposes of the winners. The sums assigned annually as scholarships will be maintained by the American Royal until such time as the recipients have enrolled and demonstrate that said recipients have enrolled and demonstrate that said funds will be directed to scholarship purposes. These scholarships are non-transferable. The funds shall be paid directly to the college or institution of advanced learning and/or training as approved by the Executive Committee of the American Royal.

Shorthorn & ShorthornPlus Open Show

Superintendents:
Cassie Reid & Wade Minihan, American Shorthorn Association

Entry Fee:
$ 95.00
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)

Entries

- New in 2026 – All cattle classes will be labeled as the following at the time of entries:
    - 1 Heifer
    - 2 Cow/Calf
    - 3 Bulls
- Classes will still be broken by age based on each breed's individual guidelines but exhibitors will NOT select that class during entries.

National Shorthorn & ShorthornPlus Show Rules

1. All animals must be registered in the records of the American Shorthorn Association (ASA) at the time of the show. ShorthornPlus animals must be registered 50% Shorthorn to qualify for the ShorthornPlus Division.

2. ASA will accept electronic registration papers at ASA sanctioned shows for check-in.

3. Females 20 months of age on the day of the show need to have a pregnancy verification signed by an accredited, nonowner veterinarian at the time the female is processed for the show. If verification cannot be produced upon request, the exhibitor is allowed to find a qualified veterinarian to verify pregnancy prior to time of show.

4. Senior Yearling Females who have calved will show based on age. The exhibitor can exhibit the female with or without the calf at side. If a Purebred Female has a ShorthornPlus calf at side, it is not eligible for the Purebred Shorthorn Show, however it is eligible for the ShorthornPlus Show.

5. Females entered in a cow/calf class must have a natural born calf at side that does not exceed 280 days of age on show day, and the calf must be registered with the ASA. Bull, heifer and steer calves are eligible and must be 50% Shorthorn or greater. If a Purebred Female has a ShorthornPlus calf at side, it is not eligible for the Purebred Shorthorn Show, however it is eligible for the ShorthornPlus Show. Cow/Calf is a division that is included with all other female divisions for selection of Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Female.

6. All Shorthorn & ShorthornPlus are subject to a tattoo inspection, parentage DNA testing, an age inspection and/or females 20 months of age on day of show are subject to a blood test to prove pregnancy if deemed necessary by the ASA. The decision of an examining veterinarian is final.

Awards

The American Royal awards ribbons to the prize winners in class, rosettes to the division champions, and plaques to the grand champions.

Classes

Classes will be broken using the ASA Show System Classifications following check-in procedures.
Entry in this show binds the exhibitor to all regulations pertaining thereto.

ShorthornPlus Bull Classes

- ShorthornPlus Bull calved January 1, 2024 and after

ShorthornPlus Female Classes

- ShorthornPlus Heifer, calved September 1, 2024 and after
- ShorthornPlus Cow/Calf Cows born January 1, 2022-August 31, 2024

Shorthorn Bull Classes

- Shorthorn Bull, calved January 1, 2024 or after

Shorthorn Female Classes

- Shorthorn Heifer, calved September 1, 2024 and after
- Shorthorn Cow/Calf Cows born January 1, 2022-August 31, 2024

Simmental Junior Heifers

Superintendent:
Aaron Owen, Bois D'Arc, MO
Matt Owen, Bois D'Arc, MO
Chance Ujazdowski, American Simmental Association

Entry Fee:
$ 95.00 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)

Showmanship Entry Fee:
(If included with entry) $10.00
(At time of check-in) $30.00

$4,600 in Premiums

American Royal Association	$2,300
Missouri Simmental Association	$2,300
	$4,600

Entries

- New in 2026 – All cattle classes will be labeled as the following at the time of entries:
  - 1 Heifer
  - 2 Cow/Calf
  - 3 Bulls
- Classes will still be broken by age based on each breed's individual guidelines but exhibitors will NOT select that class during entries.

All general rules & regulations for the American Royal Livestock Show apply.

Simmental Rules

1. All rules of the Junior Breeding Division apply.

2. All animals must be registered with the American Simmental Association. Proof of registration must accompany all animals at the time of check-in. Original registration papers are recommended, but digital certificates(or printed copies) will also be accepted.

3. Any heifer not bearing a legible tattoo is ineligible to show and tattoo must match registration papers. This tattoo must be listed on the entry form.

4. No force stomach filling by pump or any other means will be allowed. Animals, owners, exhibitors, and fitter may be disqualified for such action.

5. Heifers must be registered solely in the junior exhibitor's name on or before September 10th, 2026. Animals registered in the family name or two or more juniors' names are not eligible to show in the junior show. This applies even if an animal is registered in a farm or ranch name and the junior member is the only person listed on that membership. Bred and owned animals must be owned solely by the junior exhibitor on or before September 10th, 2026.

6. A Bred & Owned Champion will be recognized in each division. Bred and owned status will be determined using AJSA Classic rules (see: Section VII, Rules 6-8). You do not need to denote Bred & Owned status on your entries. The high placing bred and owned animal in each class is eligible for a Division Champion Bred & Owned drive, and all division champions are eligible for Champion Bred & Owned. If either the Grand or Reserve Grand Champion is bred and owned eligible, no separate drive will take place.

7. Heifers will show by age.

8. Show management reserves the right to break large classes if deemed necessary, in which case the monies may be split.

Age Requirement

Simmental junior heifer exhibitors must be at least 8 years old and no older than 21 years old as of January 1, 2026. Regardless of age exhibitors are required to lead their own animals without assistance in the show ring.

Special arrangements can be made beforehand for exhibitors that may need assistance while in the show ring.

ANIMALS RECORDED IN MORE THAN ONE BREED REGISTRY MAY ONLY SHOW IN ONE BREED SHOW. ANIMALS MUST SHOW IN THE SAME BREED IN THE OPEN AND JUNIOR SHOW, IF ELIGIBLE.

Classes

A maximum of 15 heifer classes and 5 divisions will consist of females born September 1, 2024 to May 31, 2026.

Classes

Percentage Females Division
Females must be 1/2 Simmental up to but not including purebred.
A maximum of 15 heifer classes and 5 divisions will consist of females born September 1, 2024 to May 31, 2026. In Junior Show ONLY, cow/calf pairs are eligible for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Female.

Heifer Divisions
Junior Heifer Calves: Born January – April 2026
Senior Heifer Calves: Born September – December 2025
Intermediate Heifers: Born May – August 2025
Junior Heifers: Born January – April 2025
Senior Heifers: Born September – December 2024

Cow-Calf Pairs

Cows born August 2024 and earlier, with natural calf at side born February 1, 2026 or later

Grand Champion Percentage Simmental Female - Rosette
Reserve Champion Percentage Simmental Female - Rosette

Champion Bred and Owned Percentage Female - Rosette
A Champion Bred & Owned female will be selected within each division. If neither the Grand nor Reserve Champion female is Bred & Owned, a Bred & Owned Champion Drive will follow the selection of Grand and Reserve.

Purebred Females Division

Females must be registered as Purebred Simmental.
A maximum of 15 heifer classes and 5 divisions will consist of females born September 1, 2024 to May 31, 2026. In Junior Show ONLY, cow/calf pairs are eligible for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Female.

Heifer Divisions
Junior Heifer Calves: Born January – April 2026
Senior Heifer Calves: Born September – December 2025
Intermediate Heifers: Born May – August 2025
Junior Heifers: Born January – April 2025
Senior Heifers: Born September – December 2024

Cow-Calf Pairs
Cows born August 2024 and earlier, with natural calf at side born February 1, 2026 or later

Grand Champion Purebred Simmental Female - Rosette
Reserve Champion Purebred Simmental Female - Rosette

Champion Bred and Owned Purebred Female – Rosette
A Champion Bred & Owned female will be selected within each division. If neither the Grand nor Reserve Champion female is Bred & Owned, a Bred & Owned Champion Drive will follow the selection of Grand and Reserve.

Fullblood Females Division

Females must be registered as Fullblood Simmental.
A maximum of 10 heifer classes and 3 divisions will consist of females born September 1, 2024 to May 31, 2026. In Junior Show ONLY, cow/calf pairs are eligible for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Female.

Heifer Divisions
Junior Heifers
Intermediate Heifers
Senior Heifers

Cow-Calf Pairs
Cows born August 2024 and earlier, with natural calf at side born February 1, 2026 or later

Grand Champion Fullblood Simmental Female - Rosette
Reserve Champion Fullblood Simmental Female - Rosette

Champion Bred and Owned Fullblood Female – Rosette

A Champion Bred & Owned female will be selected within each division. If neither the Grand nor Reserve Champion female is Bred & Owned, a Bred & Owned Champion Drive will follow the selection of Grand and Reserve.

Supreme Champion Junior Breeding Heifer

The Grand Champion Percentage Simmental Heifer and the Grand Champion Purebred Simmental Heifer qualify and are expected to compete for the Supreme Champion Junior Breeding Heifer of the 2026 American Royal Livestock Show on Sunday, October 25th, 2025. The Supreme Champion will receive a $10,000 scholarship and the remaining breed champions exhibited will each receive a $500 or $1000 scholarship based on number of heifers shown over a 5-year average.

Scholarships are presented only for advanced educational purposes of the winners. The sums assigned annually as scholarships will be maintained by the American Royal until such time as the recipients have enrolled and demonstrate that said recipients have enrolled and demonstrate that said funds will be directed to scholarship purposes. These scholarships are non-transferable. The funds shall be paid directly to the college or institution of advanced learning and/or training as approved by the Executive Committee of the American Royal.

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2026 National Simgenetics PTP Show

Jon DeClerk, PhD, Executive Vice President, American Simmental Association

Amanda Kagarice, President, Missouri Simmental Association

Superintendent:
Aaron Owen, Bois D'Arc, MO
Matt Owen, Bois D'Arc, MO
Chance Ujazdowski, American Simmental Association

Entry Fee:
$125.00 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)

$13,500 in Premiums

American Royal Association	$6,750
Missouri Simmental Association	$6,750
	$13,500

Entries

- New in 2026 – All cattle classes will be labeled as the following at the time of entries:
  - 1 Heifer
  - 2 Cow/Calf
  - 3 Bulls
- Classes will still be broken by age based on each breed's individual guidelines but exhibitors will NOT select that class during entries.

The American Royal will retain $ 95.00 of the entry fee and the balance will be used for the Simmental portion of the premiums. The Missouri Simmental Association's portion of the premiums is paid to the American Royal to be included in their premium checks to the exhibitors.

Simmental Show Entries

American Royal entry forms properly filled out and accompanied by appropriate fees must be submitted online by September 10th, 2026.

Simmental Rules

Simmental Rules

1. All bulls and females are subject to provisions and rules for showing as set forth by the Board of Directors of the Missouri Simmental Association and Progress Through Performance rules of the American Simmental Association. Under the rules set forth by the National PTP Show guidelines, the Missouri Simmental Association reserves the right to collect

DNA from any or all animals for which entry applications are received. Verification of parentage will be done through the American Simmental Association and all discrepancies will be handled by them.

2. All animals must be registered with the American Simmental Association (ASA).

3. Open Show check-in will take place at the ASA booth. Exhibitors must present proof of registration on all entries being exhibited. Do not bring cattle to OPEN SHOW check-in. Any entry not checked in during this process will be considered a scratch.

4. ASA Staff and/or AJSA Trustees will verify tattoos on a random 10% of the animals checked in. This will take place in the exhibitors' stalls following the conclusion of check-in, unless otherwise announced. Any animal with a tattoo that does not match its registration will be automatically disqualified from the show.

5. Select EPDs and indexes and the corresponding percentile ranks will be collected and printed in the show program, with the date of collection displayed in the program. Judge(s) will have access to this data from the American Simmental Association to use in conjunction with visual appraisal. Exhibitors are encouraged to genomic test their animals prior to the show. Genomic enhanced EPDs are noted in the show program. At the discretion of show officials, scrotal measurements and other data may also be collected at check-in and included in the show program.

6. All bulls 15 months of age and older must have a semen test/breeding soundness exam and show to be satisfactory breeder. All bulls 12 months of age or older must be shown with a nose lead or ring. All females 18 months of age or older must be certified pregnant by a licensed, non-owner veterinarian or have certification that she has been used in embryo transfer. Documentation on the above must be provided to an official Missouri Simmental Association representative.

7. All animals shall be subject to a medical examination by a competent veterinarian in order to determine age and the decision of the examining veterinarian is final with respect thereto.

8. No forced stomach filling by pump or any other means will be allowed. Animals, owners/exhibitors and fitters may be disqualified for such action.

9. The right to disqualify from show any animal deemed unmanageable is reserved by the Simmental Show Committee and the management of the American Royal.

10. Show superintendents reserve the right to break or combine classes based on the number of entries. In the case that classes are split, premium money may be split.

11. Grand and Reserve Champions will have DNA samples pulled and tested for parentage and genomics. DNA collection will occur at the exhibition site and will be supervised and/or conducted by ASA staff. The Missouri Simmental Association reserves the right to draw blood and submit DNA samples on any animal in order to verify parentage. Any exhibitor, owner or representative who refuses to comply with this rule when asked by show officials to submit their animal(s) to DNA testing will be disqualified, premiums withheld and barred from future participation at the American Royal.

This is an ASA Ring of Champions Show. For more information, visit: www.simmental.org and click on the Ring of Champions tab.

Animals recorded in more than one breed registry may only show in one breed show. Animals must show in the same breed in the open and junior show, if eligible.

Classes

Percentage Bulls

Bulls must be 1/2 Simmental up to but not including purebred.

Divisions
Spring Bull Calves: Born March – May 2026
Junior Bull Calves: Born January – February 2026
Senior Bull Calves: Born September – December 2025
Intermediate Bulls: Born May – August 2025
Junior Bulls: Born January – April 2025
Senior Bulls: Born January – December 2024

Grand Champion Percentage Bull - Plaque, Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Percentage Bull - Rosette

Purebred Bulls

Bulls must be registered as Purebred Simmental.

Divisions
Spring Bull Calves: Born March – May 2026
Junior Bull Calves: Born January – February 2026
Senior Bull Calves: Born September – December 2025
Intermediate Bulls: Born May – August 2025
Junior Bulls: Born January – April 2025
Senior Bulls: Born January – December 2024

Grand Champion Purebred Bull - Plaque, Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Purebred Bull - Rosette

Fullblood Bulls

Bulls must be registered as Fullblood Simmental.
Bulls born January 1, 2024 to May 31, 2026 are eligible.

Divisions
Junior Bulls
Intermediate Bulls
Senior Bulls

Grand Champion Fullblood Bull
Reserve Grand Champion Fullblood Bull

Percentage Females
Females must be 1/2 Simmental up to but not including purebred.

Divisions
Spring Heifer Calves: Born March – May 2026
Junior Heifer Calves: Born January – February 2026
Senior Heifer Calves: Born September – December 2025
Intermediate Heifers: Born May – August 2025
Junior Heifers: Born January – April 2025
Senior Heifers: Born September – December 2024
Grand Champion Percentage Heifer- Plaque, Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Percentage Heifer- Rosette

Cow/Calf Pairs
Cows born August 2024 and earlier, with natural calf at side born February 1, 2026 or later.

Grand Champion Percentage Cow/Calf - Plaque, Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Percentage Cow/Calf - Rosette

Purebred Females
Females must be registered as Purebred Simmental.

Divisions
Spring Heifer Calves: Born March – May 2026
Junior Heifer Calves: Born January – February 2026
Senior Heifer Calves: Born September – December 2025
Intermediate Heifers: Born May – August 2025
Junior Heifers: Born January – April 2025
Senior Heifers: Born September – December 2024

Grand Champion Purebred Heifer - Plaque, Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Pure Heifer - Rosette

Cow/Calf Pairs
Cows born August 2024 and earlier, with natural calf at side born February 1, 2026 or later.

Grand Champion Purebred Cow/Calf - Plaque, Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Purebred Cow/Calf - Rosette

Fullblood Females
Females must be registered as Fullblood Simmental.
Females born September 1, 2024 to May 31, 2026 are eligible.

Divisions
Junior Heifers

Intermediate Heifers
Senior Heifers

Grand Champion Fullblood Heifer
Reserve Grand Champion Fullblood Heifer

Cow/Calf Pairs

Cows born August 2024 and earlier, with natural calf at side born February 1, 2026 or later.

Grand Champion Fullblood Cow/Calf - Plaque, Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Fullblood Cow/Calf - Rosette

Group Classes

There are two sets of group classes: One for purebred and percentage entries combined and another for fullblood entries. Percentage Simmental animals may be used in group classes but may not make up the total of any one group. In the fullblood group classes, all animals must be registered and shown as Fullblood Simmental. Animals' placings in individual classes will be used to determine the Premier Exhibitor and Premier Breeder. No premiums will be paid in group classes.

1. Produce of Dam- Two (2) animals, either sex, from the same dam. Must have shown in individual classes to be eligible. May be owned by more than one exhibitor.

2. Get-of-Sire- Three (3) animals, any age, both sexes represented, sired by one bull. May be owned by more than one exhibitor. All animals must have been shown in individual classes.

3. Breeder's Group- Five (5) head, both sexes represented, previously shown in individual classes. This group must be bred and owned by the exhibitor or the immediate family. Registration papers must show breeder or immediate family as current owner.

4. Premier Exhibitor- based on points accumulated in individual classes. Animals must be owned by exhibitor or immediate family members. Awards with the following point system:

1st place= 5 points
2nd place= 4 points
3rd place= 3 points
4th place= 2 points
5th place= 1 point
No points will be given for champions or group placings. – Simmental Plaque, Banner

5. Premier Breeder- based on points accumulated in individual classes on animals bred, but not necessarily owned or exhibited by one individual, immediate family member or firm. Same point system as that used for Premier Exhibitor. – Simmental Plaque, Banner.

Simmental Junior Heifer Show information is located in the Junior Heifer section.

Speckle Park Junior Heifers

Superintendent:

Brad Sonnentag, Hay Creek Speckle Park

Boyd, Wisconsin

Wednesday, September 8th
Ownership Deadline and entry deadline

Friday, October 9th
12:00 p.m. Speckle Park Move-In
Saturday, October 10th
3:00 p.m. Junior Heifer Showmanship
Saturday, October 10th
1:00 p.m. Arrival Deadline
Monday, October 12th
8:00 a.m. Speckle Park Junior Show followed by Speckle Park Open Show
All cattle released immediately following the show

Sunday, October 25th
8:00 AM. Supreme Champion Junior Heifer Show – Hale Arena
Supreme Champion Bull Show
Supreme Champion Open Female Show

Entry Fee:
$ 95.00 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)
Showmanship Entry Fee:
(If included with entry) $10.00
(At time of check-in) $30.00
Premiums TBD
Speckle Park Association

All general rules & regulations for the American Royal Livestock Show apply.

Junior Speckle Park Rules

1. All rules of the junior breeding division apply.
2. Animals competing in the Speckle Park Show must be registered in the ASPA/CSPA herd book. A copy of the registration may be used for Speckle Park check-in. Any heifer not bearing a legible tattoo matching its registration paper is ineligible to show.

3. Heifers must be owned and registered solely in the junior exhibitor's name by Sept. 10, 2025. Animals registered in a family name or two or more juniors' names are not eligible to show in the junior show. This applies even if an animal is registered in a farm or ranch name and the junior member is the only person listed on that membership.

4. All animals exhibited must have a DNA profile on file with the Speckle Park Association of America

5. Heifers exhibited at 20 months of age or older must are recommended to be bred.

6. Altering animals natural color will not be allowed. Violation will result in disqualification.
7. No cosmetic surgeries other than surgical dehorning will be allowed. Violation will result in disqualification.
8. Only generally accepted fitting practices will be allowed. Violation will be cause for disqualification. Show committee will make a ruling on a case-by-case basis. Animals disqualified will forfeit entry fees and awards. Appeals will be forwarded to ethics committee and Executive Vice President. Decision of ethics committee and Executive Vice President will be final.
9. Show management reserves the right to break large classes if deemed necessary, in which case the monies may be split.
10. Exhibitors of the Champion Speckle Park Junior Heifer qualifies to show in the Supreme Heifer Drive. Any exhibitor choosing not to compete as the breed champion will not receive a scholarship and that breed will not be represented in the Supreme Champion line-up. Exhibitors of these champions should be present to show their own animal(s) unless prior permission is given by show management. Age Requirement Speckle Park Junior Heifer Exhibitors must be between 7 years old and are not over 21 years old on January 1st of the year in which the activities are scheduled. Special arrangements can be made beforehand for exhibitors that may need assistance while in the show ring.

Heifers

11. Late Spring Heifer Calves, calved April 1, 2026 or after
12. Early Spring Heifer Calves, calved March 1 – 31, 2026
13. Late Junior Heifer Calves, calved February 1 – 28, 2026
14. Early Junior Heifer Calves, calved January 1 – 31, 2026
Champion Junior Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf

15. Winter Heifer Calves, calved November 1 – December 31, 2025
16. Senior Heifer Calves, calved September 1 – October 30, 2025
Champion Senior Heifer Calf
Reserve Senior Heifer Calf

Grand Champion Heifer Calf- Banner,
Reserve Grand Champion Heifer Calf - Banner

17. Late Summer Yearling Heifers, calved July 1-August 31, 2025
18. Early Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May 1-June 30, 2025
Champion Intermediate Heifer
Reserve Champion Intermediate Heifer-

19. Spring Yearling Heifers, calved March 1 – April 30, 2025
20. Junior Yearling Heifers, calved January 1 – February 28, 2025

Champion FB/PB Junior Heifer
Reserve Champion FB/PB Junior Heifer

21. Senior Yearling Female, calved September 1 – December 31, 2023.

Champion Senior Female
Reserve Champion Senior Female

22. Cow-Calf Pairs – Cows calved on or prior to Aug. 31, 2023. Calf must be cow's natural calf and no more than 230 days of age on date of show. Cow and/or calf may be included in group classes as individuals, not as a pair comprising a single unit.

Cow-Calf Champion- Banner,
Reserve Cow-Calf Champion- Banner,

Supreme Grand Champion Female- Banner,
Reserve Grand Champion - Banner
Champion Senior Heifer
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer

Supreme Grand Champion Speckle Park Heifer – Junior Division
Reserve Champion Speckle Park Heifer – Junior Division

The Grand Champion Speckle Park Junior Heifer is qualified to compete for the Supreme Champion Junior Breeding Heifer of the 2025 American Royal Livestock Show on Sunday, October 26th, 2025. The Supreme Champion will receive a $10,000 scholarship and the remaining breed champions exhibited will each receive a $500 or $1000 scholarship based on number of heifers shown over a 5 year average. Scholarships are presented only for advanced educational purposes of the winners. The sums assigned annually as scholarships will be maintained by the American Royal until such time as the recipients have enrolled and demonstrate that said recipients have enrolled and demonstrate that said funds will be directed to scholarship purposes. These scholarships are non-transferable. The funds shall be paid directly to the college or institution of advanced learning and/or training as approved by the Executive Committee of the American Royal.

Speckle Park Open Show

Superintendent:
Brad Sonnentag, Hay Creek Speckle Park
Boyd, WI
Wednesday, September 9th
Entry Deadline

12:00 p.m. Earliest Arrival
Friday, October 9th

1:00 p.m. Arrival Deadline
Saturday, October 10th
1:00 p.m. Speckle Park Junior Show followed by Speckle Park Open Show
All cattle released immediately following the show.
Monday, October 12th
Supreme Champion Bull Show
Supreme Champion Open Female Show
Entry Fee:
$100 per head

(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)
Speckle Park Open Show

The Speckle Park Association of America's portion of the premiums is paid to the American Royal to be included in their premium checks to the exhibitors.

Speckle Park Rules
1. American Royal entry forms, submitted online by September 10th, 2026.
2. The American Royal will keep $ 90 of the per head entry fee and the balance will be remitted to the Association to be used for premiums.
3. The rules of the Speckle Park Association and American Royal Livestock Show will govern the show.
4. All animals exhibited must have a DNA profile on file with the Speckle Park Association.

5. Heifers exhibited at 20 months of age or older are recommended to be bred.

6. Only generally accepted fitting practices will be allowed. Violation will be cause for disqualification. Show committee will make a ruling on a case-by-case basis. Animals disqualified will forfeit entry fees and awards. Appeals will be forwarded to ethics committee and Executive Vice President. Decision of ethics committee and Executive Vice President will be final.
7. Show management reserves the right to break large classes if deemed necessary, in which case the monies may be split.
8. Exhibitors of the Champion Speckle Park Junior Heifer qualifies to show in the Supreme Heifer Drive. Any exhibitor choosing not to compete as the breed champion will not receive a scholarship and that breed will not be represented in the Supreme Champion line-up. Exhibitors of these champions should be present to show their own animal(s) unless prior permission is given by show management. Age Requirement Speckle Park Junior Heifer Exhibitors must be between 7 years old and are not over 21 years old on January 1st of the year in which the activities are scheduled. Special arrangements can be made beforehand for exhibitors that may need assistance while in the show ring.
9. Bulls 12 months and older must be shown with a nose lead.
10. Altering animals' natural color will not be allowed, violation will result in disqualification.
11. No cosmetic surgeries other than surgical dehorning will be allowed, violation will be cause for disqualification.
12. Any person found guilty of misrepresentation, or not abiding by the show rules, will be disqualified, and denied the privilege of showing.
13. Entry in this show binds exhibitor to all regulations pertaining thereto.
14. All American Royal rules apply.
The American Royal awards ribbons to the prize winners in class, to the division champions, and banners to the grand champions. Show management reserves the right to split large classes if deemed necessary.

Speckle Park Females

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23. Late Spring Heifer Calves, calved April 1, 2026 or after
24. Early Spring Heifer Calves, calved March 1 – 31, 2026
25. Late Junior Heifer Calves, calved February 1 – 28, 2026
26. Early Junior Heifer Calves, calved January 1 – 31, 2026
Champion Junior Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf

27. Winter Heifer Calves, calved November 1 – December 31, 2025
28. Senior Heifer Calves, calved September 1 – October 30, 2025
Champion Senior Heifer Calf
Reserve Senior Heifer Calf

Grand Champion Heifer Calf- Banner,
Reserve Grand Champion Heifer Calf - Banner

29. Late Summer Yearling Heifers, calved July 1-August 31, 2025
30. Early Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May 1-June 30, 2025
Champion Intermediate Heifer
Reserve Champion Intermediate Heifer-

31. Spring Yearling Heifers, calved March 1 – April 30, 2025
32. Junior Yearling Heifers, calved January 1 – February 28, 2025

Champion FB/PB Junior Heifer
Reserve Champion FB/PB Junior Heifer

33. Senior Yearling Female, calved September 1 – December 31, 2023.
Champion Senior Female
Reserve Champion Senior Female

34. Cow-Calf Pairs – Cows calved on or prior to Aug. 31, 2023. Calf must be cow's natural calf and no more than 230 days of age on date of show. Cow and/or calf may be included in group classes as individuals, not as a pair comprising a single unit.

Cow-Calf Champion- Banner,
Reserve Cow-Calf Champion- Banner,

Supreme Grand Champion Female- Banner,
Reserve Grand Champion - Banner

Speckle Park Bulls

35. Spring Bull Calves, calved March 1, 2026 or after
36. Junior Bull Calves, calved January 1- February 28, 2026

37. Winter Bull Calves, calved November 1- December 31, 2025
38. Senior Bull Calves, calved September 1- October 31, 2025

Champion Bull Calf
Reserve Champion Bull Calf

39. Late Summer Yearling Bull, calved July 1- August 31, 2025
40. Early Summer Yearling Bull, calved May 1- June 30, 2025
Champion Intermediate Bull
Reserve Champion Intermediate Bull

41. Spring Yearling Bull, calved March 1-April 30, 2025
42. Junior Yearling Bull, calved January 1-February 28, 2025
Champion Junior Bull
Reserve Champion Junior Bull

43. Senior Yearling Bull, calved September 1- December 31, 2024
44. Two-Year-Old Bull, calved January 1 – August 31, 2024
Champion Senior Bull Reserve Champion
Senior Bull Grand Champion Bull- Banner,

Supreme & Reserve Champion Bull- Banner

Group Classes - All animals must be shown in their individual
classes to be eligible. Cow and/or calf may be included in group classes as individuals, not as a pair.
45 Produce-of-Dam: Two animals, either sex
46 Get-of-Sire: Three animals, either sex, all by one registered Speckle Park
47 Breeder's Best Four Head: Four animals, either or both sexes, bred by one breeder. Not necessarily owned by the breeder or one exhibitor. Cattle bred by a junior member may be included if the breeder of the Best Four Head is an individual or married couple and is the parent or legal guardian of the junior member.

Watusi Open Show

Superintendent:
Blake Edwards, President, World Watusi Association

Entry Fee:
$70 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns)

$2,000 in Premiums

World Watusi Association	$1,000
American Royal Association	$1,000

Entries

- New in 2026 – All cattle classes will be labeled as the following at the time of entries:
  - 1 Heifer
  - 2 Cow/Calf
  - 3 Bulls
- Classes will still be broken by age based on each breed's individual guidelines but exhibitors will NOT select that class during entries.

Watusi Rules

1. All animals born prior to January 1, of the current year must be registered in the name of the exhibitor in the herd book of an Ankole-Watusi registry to be eligible to show. Registration papers must be presented to the Superintendent upon check-in.

2. All animals shown must be 50% or more Ankole-Watusi blood, match the individual registration papers, and be shown in their respective class divisions.

3. Classes will be shown in class order listed.

4. Animals entered and show in these classes may have horn polishes but NO horn sharpening, grooming, or other fitting permitted

5. Animals shown in these classes will be subject to blood testing for any tranquilizing agents or other substances administered. Any animal testing positive for drugs will be immediately disqualified for premium awards.

6. Animals will be unhaltered in all classes except showmanship.

7. All animals must be manageable enough to be moved from pen to show ring. Any unmanageable or unruly animals may be expelled from the show with premiums forfeited.

8. If only one animal is entered in a class, that entry may be moved to the next closest age class.

9. No class will have more than eight entries. Any class with more than eight will be split into two smaller classes by age.

Premiums

1^{st} – 2^{nd} – 3^{rd} – 4^{th} Placings
4 or more entries per class 40% 30% 20% 10%
3 entries per class 50% 30% 20%
2 entries per class 60% 40%

1 entry per class 100%
Premier Exhibitor Award Class #28 and Champion/Reserve Champion not included in premiums.

Classes

Showmanship
*Judged on the exhibitor and not the animal. Open to any age or percentage female, steer, or bulls under 18 months of age.

1. Showmanship at Halter, Jr. (16 yrs. and under)
2. Showmanship at Halter, Sr. (over 16 yrs.)

Native Females
*7/8 or Higher Percentage

3. Born in 2026
4. Born in 2025
5. Born in 2024
6. Born in 2023 or 2022
7. Born in 2021 or before

Champion Native Female- Rosette1p
Reserve Champion Native Female- Rosette

Foundation Pure Females

8. Born in 2026
9. Born in 2025
10. Born in 2024
11. Born in 2023 or 2022
12. Born in 2021 or before

Champion Foundation Pure Female- Rosette
Reserve Champion Foundation Pure Female- Rosette

Cow Calf Pairs
*Native or Foundation Pure Females with current year calf at side.

13. Cows born in 2022 or after.
14. Cows born in 2021 or before.

Bulls
*Foundation Pure Only

15. Born in 2026
16. Born in 2025
17. Born in 2024

Champion Foundation Pure Bull- Rosette
Reserve Champion Foundation Pure Bull- Rosette

Steers
*****Any Percentage

18. Born in 2023 or after

19. Born in 2022 or before

Champion Watusi Steer- Rosette
Reserve Champion Watusi Steer- Rosette