2023 Georgia National Fair Junior Invitational
Market Beef & Breeding Heifer Shows

Rules and Regulations

October 13-15, 2023

Open to all bonafide 4H & FFA Exhibitors
(4th thru 12th Grade, by Sept. 1, 2023)

Entry Deadline: September 15, 2023
Entry site: www.theshowportal.com

Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter
I-75 Exits 134 & 135
Perry, Georgia
Fair Livestock/Horse Show Schedule

Wednesday, October 4
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm .................. Barns open for Goats, Sheep, & Cattle (tack & livestock) .................. All Barns
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm .................. Tie-outs open ................................................................. Tie-outs

Thursday, October 5
8:00 am ................................ Draft Horses move-in .............................................................. HB2
8:00 am - 8:00 pm ................. Barns open for all junior livestock arrivals ................................. All Barns
10:00 am - 2:00 pm ............. Jr. Market Goat Weigh-in ......................................................... New South Arena
2:00 pm ................................ All goats must be in the barn .................................. Swine/Sheep/Goat Barn 1
4:00 pm ......................... Jr. Market Goat Showmanship (grades 6th-12th) .................. New South Arena

Followed by Master 4-H & Supreme FFA Showmanship
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm ............. Jr. Heifer Check-in ......................................................... Practice Ring 3
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm ............. Jr. Market Beef Weigh-in ....................................................... Practice Ring 3
By 7:00 pm .................... Jr. Market Beef and Heifers due ........................................... Beef/Dairy Barn

Friday, October 6
8:00 am ................................ Barns open for Comm. Dairy Heifer arrival .................... Beef/Dairy Barn
8:00 am ................................ Barns open for Lamb & Ewe arrival ......................... Swine/Sheep/Goat Barn 2
8:00 am ................................ Jr. Market Goat Showmanship (grades 1st-5th) .............. New South Arena

Followed by County Groups/Breeders Groups
Followed by *Market Goat Show (Wethers) .................. New South Arena
10:00 am............................. Jr. Beef Showmanship (Odd Grades) (Ring 1) .................. Sutherland Arena
10:00 am............................. Jr. Beef Showmanship (Even Grades) (Ring 2) .............. Sutherland Arena
10:00 am - 2:00 pm ............... Jr. Breeding Ewe Check-in ........................................ Swine/Sheep/Goat Barn 2
10:00 am - 2:00 pm ............... Jr. Market Lamb Weigh-in ........................................ Swine/Sheep/Goat Barn 2
10:00 am & 5:00 pm ........ Draft Horse Show ........................................................................ Perdue Arena
2:00 pm ......................... Breeding Ewes & Mkt Lambs due in the barn ............... Swine/Sheep/Goat Barn 2
5:00 pm ......................... **Jr. Breeding Ewe Showmanship & Show .................. New South Arena

Saturday, October 7
8:00 am ................................ Jr. Heifer Show (Ring 1) .................................................. Sutherland Arena
8:00 am ................................ Jr. Market Goat Show cont. (Does) .................................. New South Arena
10:00 am - 1:00 pm .......... Jr. Comm. Dairy Heifer Weigh-in ............................................. Foster Rhodes Arena
10:00 am & 5:00 pm ........ Draft Horse Show ........................................................................ Perdue Arena
12:00 noon ..................... **Jr. Mkt. Lamb 1st Year Exhibitor Show .................. New South Arena
By 1:00 pm ..................... Jr. Comm. Dairy Heifers due .................................................................. Beef/Dairy Barn
2:00 pm ......................... **Jr. Market Lamb Showmanship (grades 1st-12th) ...... New South Arena

Followed by Master 4-H & Supreme FFA Showmanship
Followed by County Groups/Breeders Groups

4:00 pm ................................ Jr. Comm. Dairy Dress-A-Cow Contest ......................... Foster Rhodes Arena

Sunday, October 8
9:00 am ................................ Jr. Market Lamb Show .......................................................... New South Arena
9:00 am ................................ Jr. Comm. Dairy Heifer Showmanship & Show ........ Foster Rhodes Arena
10:00 am ................................ Jr. Market Beef Show ............................................................... Sutherland Arena
10:00 am & 5:00 pm .......... Draft Horse Show ........................................................................ Perdue Arena

Monday, October 9
10:00 am ................................ Miniature Horse Demonstration ........................................ Practice Ring #2
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm ........ Dairy Goats due .................................................... Swine/Sheep/Goat Barn #2
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm .......... Boer Goats due ..................................................... Swine/Sheep/Goat Barn #1
7:00 pm ......................... Feathered Horse Show .......................................... Perdue Arena

**Tuesday, October 10**

10:00 am .......................... Open Dairy Goat Show ....................................... Swine/Sheep/Goat Barn #2
10:00 am .......................... Open Boer Goat Show .......................................... New South Arena
10:00 am .......................... Feathered Horse Show ........................................ Perdue Arena
10:00 am .......................... Miniature Horse Demonstration ............................. Practice Ring #2

**Wednesday, October 11**

8:00 am - 5:00 pm .......... Dairy Arrivals ................................................................ Beef/Dairy Barn
10:00 am .......................... Feathered Horse Show .......................................... Perdue Arena

**Thursday, October 12**

8:00 am - 3:00 pm .......... Mkt. Swine Arrive & Check-in ................................. Swine/Sheep/Goat Barn #1&2
8:00 am - 3:00 pm .......... Jr. Breeding Gilts Arrive & Check-in ......................... Swine/Sheep/Goat Barn #1&2
8:00 am - 7:00 pm .......... Steer and Heifer Jr. Invitational Arrivals .................. Multipurpose Bldg.
8:00 am - 8:00 pm .......... Dairy Arrivals ................................................................ Beef/Dairy Barn
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm .......... GNF Barrel Blast (Practice) ......................................... Perdue Arena
5:00 pm .......................... Jr. Swine Showmanship (12th, 9th grade) ............. New South Arena

**Friday, October 13**

8:00 am .......................... Jr. Swine Showmanship (8th-Preclub) ...................... New South Arena
Following Showmanship ... Jr. Breeding Gilt Show ........................................ New South Arena
8:00 am - 12:00 pm ......... Steer and Heifer Jr. Invitational Arrivals ............... Multipurpose Bldg.
10:00 am - 12:00 pm ......... Jr. Invitational Check-in/Weigh-in (steer classifying) ... Practice Ring #3
10:00 am - 4:30 pm .......... GNF Barrel Blast (Practice) ......................................... Perdue Arena
10:00 am - 8:00 pm ........ Llamas arrive ................................................................ Horse Barn #1
2:00 pm .......................... Open/Jr. Dairy Shows (classes 1-9) ......................... Foster Rhodes Arena
2:00 pm .......................... Jr. Invitational Showmanship (4th-12th) ............... Sutherland Arena
6:00 pm .......................... Opening Ceremonies (NBHA) ............................... Perdue Arena

**Saturday, October 14**

8:00 am .......................... Jr. Market Hog Show .................................................. New South Arena
8:00 am .......................... Llama Show (Performance) ....................................... Covered Horse Arena
8:30 am .......................... Livestock Judging Contest ........................................ Sutherland Arena
10:00 am - 12:00 pm ...... GNF Barrel Blast (practice) ........................................ Perdue Arena
10:00 am .......................... Jr. Dairy Showmanship .............................................. Foster Rhodes Arena
10:30 am .......................... Rabbit Show .............................................................. Multipurpose Bldg.
1:00 pm .......................... Opening Ceremonies (NBHA) ............................... Perdue Arena
1:00 pm .......................... Jr. Invitational Market Beef Show ......................... Sutherland Arena
2:00 pm .......................... Open/Jr. Dairy Shows (classes 10-24) ..................... Foster Rhodes Arena

**Sunday, October 15**

8:00 am .......................... Ga. Grown Hog Show ............................................ New South Arena
8:00 am .......................... Cowboy Church ......................................................... Perdue Arena
9:00 am .......................... Jr. Invitational Heifer Show ..................................... Sutherland Arena
10:00 am .......................... Llama Show (Halter) ............................................... Covered Horse Arena
10:00 am .......................... GNF Barrel Blast Finals .......................................... Perdue Arena
Welcome, Exhibitors!

The Georgia National Fair extends a welcome to all exhibitors who have traveled to participate in the 34th Georgia National Fair Livestock Shows. We are thrilled to have you as part of the Fair and look forward to seeing the incredible livestock projects you will be exhibiting. As exhibitors, you play a crucial role in the success of the Fair in making it a great place for youth and agribusinesses to show and compete. With your projects, you provide educational opportunities to the general public to learn more about the importance of agriculture and where their daily food and fiber originate. Thank you for being a part of the whole picture.

The Fair would not be possible without all the superintendents, show personnel, and volunteers. Their tireless efforts behind the scenes ensure that the Fair runs smoothly and efficiently and that all the exhibitors have a great experience during their time at the Fair. Their hard work, dedication, and commitment are truly appreciated. If you see them around the grounds, thank them for all they do because we could not do it without them.

**Georgia National Fair Dates**

October 5-15, 2023
October 3-13, 2024
October 2-12, 2025
October 8-18, 2026
October 7-17, 2017
October 5-15, 2028

**Georgia National Junior Livestock Show Dates**

February 21-25, 2024
February 19-23, 2025
February 18-21, 2026
February 17-20, 2027
February 23-26, 2028
February 21-27, 2029
Health Requirements

Georgia Department of Agriculture
Agriculture Building Capitol Square
Atlanta Georgia 30334-2001 USA
(404) 656-3667 FAX (404) 656-9380

General Requirements

All livestock exhibitions must apply to the Georgia Department of Agriculture for an exhibition permit. The management of the exhibition is responsible for obtaining the permit. For information call (404) 656-3667. **Equine exhibitions/shows are exempt from obtaining an exhibition permit; however, equine on the premise must comply with equine health requirements.

No livestock will be allowed entry onto the show grounds without the proper health records and tests required.

A veterinarian, Georgia Department of Agriculture personnel or other qualified person may be present to examine all livestock prior to exhibition.

An official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must show proof of the requirements for the appropriate species.

No livestock will be allowed entry onto the show grounds with visible warts or visible ringworm lesions.

Livestock may be inspected at the show facility for infectious and contagious diseases and those suspected of having disease will be removed from the show facility. If suspected animals are not removed from or return to the show facility, all of the exhibitors’ entries will be disqualified.

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Requirements

All animals being exhibited in any type of livestock show (local, county, area, district, or state) must have an official certificate of veterinary inspection (health certificate). The certificate of veterinary inspection must be issued within 30 days of the exhibition with the following exceptions:

Certificate of Veterinary inspection exceptions will be the following:

1. For Georgia cattle, swine, goats and exotic animals exhibiting in Georgia 4-H and FFA shows, the certificate of veterinary inspection and required tests shall be valid for 4 months (unless specified otherwise by show management).
2. For Georgia sheep exhibiting in Georgia 4-H and FFA shows, a certificate of veterinary inspection must be issued by a veterinarian and must be updated and signed every 30 days during the show season (up to 4 months) by a veterinarian, county extension agent or vocational agriculture teacher. The examiner must sign and record the following statement on the certificate: “to the best of my knowledge, the animals being exhibited are free from any clinical signs consistent with those of footrot, scabies, contagious ecthyma (soremouth), cutaneous fungal lesions, scrapie or any other infectious or contagious disease.”
3. Georgia equine participating in Georgia Equine Shows will not require a certificate of veterinary inspection. (See complete Equine Requirements)

**Certificate of veterinary inspection is required on all market hogs at the Georgia National Fair as there will be breeding hogs on the premises. No livestock will be allowed entry onto the show grounds without the proper health records and test required.

A veterinarian or other qualified person may be present to examine all livestock prior to exhibition.

An official certificate of veterinary inspection must show proof of the following requirements for the appropriate species.

For complete & current regulations, call (404) 656-3667.
Farm Animal Livestock Requirements

I. CATTLE
   A. Brucellosis
      1. Georgia cattle have no brucellosis test requirements.
      2. Out-of-state cattle must satisfy Georgia import requirements for Brucellosis. (Regulations are contingent on state of origin - call (404) 656-3667 for current regulations).
   B. Tuberculosis
      1. DAIRY CATTLE - All dairy cattle six (6) months of age and older must have a negative TB test within sixty (60) days of shipment - REGARDLESS OF THE STATUS OF THE STATE OF ORIGIN (This does not apply to Georgia Cattle).
      2. BEEF CATTLE - Beef cattle originating from a TB free state do not require a TB test. Beef cattle from the following states will require a negative TB test if six (6) months of age or older within sixty (60) days of shipment: California, Michigan, New Mexico, Minnesota.

II. SWINE
   A. Georgia swine:
      1. All breeding swine 4 months of age and over must have a negative Brucellosis and a negative Pseudorabies test within 30 days of exhibition except:
         a. Swine originating from a validated Brucellosis free herd and a qualified Pseudorabies free herd. Validation and qualification numbers and date of last test conducted must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
      2. Market swine:
         a. Gilts must have a negative brucellosis and a negative pseudorabies test within 30 days of exhibition unless originating from a validated brucellosis free herd and a qualified pseudorabies free herd. Validation and qualification numbers and date of the last herd test must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
         b. Barrows must have a negative pseudorabies test within 30 days of exhibition unless originating from a qualified pseudorabies free herd. Qualification number and date of the last herd test must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
         c. Slaughter swine may be exempt from the certificate of veterinary inspection and the test requirements if they qualify under the “Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Exceptions” section described above.
   B. Out-of-state swine must enter on a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 30 days of entry with the entry permit number and individual identification recorded. Test requirements for breeding swine and market swine are the same as “Georgia swine” requirements above.

NOTE: Swine purchased and/or removed from the farm of a validated/qualified herd loses validated/qualified status at the time of transfer and will require the appropriate tests prior to exhibition.
   C. Any exhibition of out-of-state swine must have an entry permit number from the Dept. of Agriculture. (Call (404) 656-3667 Monday through Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm).

III. SHEEP
   A. Georgia and out-of-state sheep must enter on a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 30 days of the exhibition. All sheep, except wethers, must be identified with USDA approved individual animal identification to the flock of origin. Those sheep born after 1/1/02 must be identified to the flock of birth and flock of origin if different. This information must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection. The following statement must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection for all sheep including wethers: “To the best of my knowledge, the animals being exhibited are free from any clinical signs consistent with those of footrot, scabies, contagious ecthyma (soremouth), cutaneous fungal lesions, scrapie or any other infectious or contagious disease.”
   B. For Georgia 4-H and FFA sheep, see CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS above.
   C. Sheep may be inspected at the show facility for infections and contagious diseases, and those suspected of having disease will be removed from the show facility.

IV. GOATS
   A. Georgia and out-of-state goats must enter on a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 30 days of the exhibition. All goats, except wethers, must be identified with USDA approved individual animal identification to the flock of origin. Those goats born after 1/1/02 must be identified to the flock of birth and flock of origin if different. This information must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection. The following statement must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection for all goats including wethers: “To the best of my knowledge, the animals being exhibited are free from any clinical signs consistent with those of footrot, scabies, contagious ecthyma (soremouth), cutaneous fungal lesions, scrapie or any other infectious or contagious disease.”
   B. For Georgia 4-H and FFA goats, see CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS above.
   C. Goats may be inspected at the show facility for infectious and contagious diseases and those suspected of having disease will be removed from the show facility.

V. EXOTIC ANIMALS
   A. All exotic animals and all non-traditional livestock entering Georgia must be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection identifying each animal with unique permanent individual identification.
   B. All llamas, alpacas and camels entering Georgia must be identified by a USDA approved metal ear tag, unique and individual tattoo, notarized photograph, or an electronic identification device (microchip). If electronic identification is used, the consignee is responsible for providing the appropriate reading device for verification. Castrated males are exempt from the individual identification requirements.

An official certificate of veterinary inspection must show proof of the above requirements for the appropriate species. "Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Exceptions" section described above.

Revised March 5, 2005 - For complete & current regulations, call (404) 656-3667.
General Rules and Regulations

NOTICE: All exhibitors are cautioned to read carefully the following rules and regulations, as they will be enforced strictly.
The Georgia National Fair (GNF) will be held on the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter, Perry, October 5-15, 2023, unless postponed, or extended by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority (GAEA), all of which they hereby claim and reserve the right to do from any cause whatsoever which they may deem necessary for the general good of all concerned.

Administration of Rules and Regulations

The GNF reserves to the GAEA the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and 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. An exhibitor who violates any of the following rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the GAEA may order.

Statement of Liability

1. All livestock exhibits will be under the direction of the GAEA, but the GAEA will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited by him/her and for its description as given in the catalog, and shall indemnify the GAEA against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as damage or injury to any other person or property, caused by the exhibitor, or any of the animals exhibited by him/her, or arising out of, or in any way connected with such exhibition of any of the animals so exhibited.

2. The management reserves the right to remove from the grounds any exhibit, animal or fowl that may be falsely entered or may be deemed unsuitable or objectionable, without assigning a reason therefore, and if necessary, to return any money already paid for space or stalls, which shall exonerate them from any claim whatsoever on the part of the exhibitor or purchaser.

Testing and Responsibility

3. DRUGS & DIURETICS: Administration of any drug of any kind or description internally or externally is prohibited, except for treating a recognized disease or injury as prescribed by a licensed veterinarian. For the purpose of these rules, the term “drug” shall mean: the sale, possession or use of any substance which is controlled by license under federal, state or local laws or regulations and any substance commonly used by the medical or veterinary professions which affect the circulatory, respiratory, or central nervous systems of an animal.

The use of any diuretic, tranquilizers or anti-inflammatory drugs for any purpose whatsoever on any animal in the show is prohibited.

Show management reserves the right to take blood, tissue, milk and/or urine samples for analysis. Any animal entered is subject to testing. The administration of any drug of any kind or description internally or externally for the treatment of a disease or injury must be done in accordance with regulations established by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

4. EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITY: The exhibitor shall be the absolute insurer of and shall be responsible for the condition of an animal exhibited at the Georgia National Fair Livestock competitions, regardless of the acts of a third party. Extent of knowledge on the part of the exhibitor with regards to the drugs or substance found in an animal is not relevant to any issue, and it shall not be a defense that person or persons unknown introduced the prescribed substance into the animal prior to, or at arrival, or after arrival on the Georgia National Fairgrounds property.

Any animal exhibited in any 4H/FFA Junior show being treated with a prescription or over-the-counter medication (the use of any diuretic, tranquilizers, or anti-inflammatory drugs for any purpose whatsoever on any animal in the show is prohibited) that has not completed its recommended withdrawal time must be accompanied by an original, complete veterinary prescription. This prescription must be provided to management upon request at any time during the show and will be required at the time of residue testing if that animal is selected. The prescribed medication(s) must be approved for the use on the treated animal. Should testing and inspection procedures used by the GNF evidence the presence of a foreign substance or any drug not medically necessary or not approved for such use by the Food and Drug Administration or United States Department of Agriculture, the exhibitor, a member of the exhibitor’s immediate family or any other person shown to have had care, custody or attendance of the animal in any way, at the discretion of the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority, may be subjected to the penalties provided for in these rules.
5. **PENALTIES:** An exhibitor determined to have violated these rules or whose animal has been found to contain evidence of drugs as described in these rules may be subject to the following penalties at the discretion of the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority;
   a. Forfeiture of prize money;
   b. Forfeiture of sale money;
   c. Forfeiture of titles, trophies, and awards;
   d. Banned from future livestock competition at the Georgia National Fair and the Georgia National Junior Livestock Show.
      i. The exhibitor will be banned from competing at future livestock competitions for all species at the Georgia National Junior Livestock Show and the Georgia National Fair for twelve (12) months or one complete show year (whichever is greater) from rule infraction. After the twelve (12) months or one complete show year (whichever is greater) suspension has been completed, the exhibitor will then be placed on probation for twenty-four (24) months or two show years (whichever is greater). During this probation period, management reserves the right to residue test any/all entries of the individual on probation that are entered at the Georgia National Junior Livestock Show and/or the Georgia National Fair. The exhibitor is responsible for full payment of costs incurred for any positive samples. Residue tests will be sent to a laboratory of show management’s choice.
      ii. If, at any time following the first ban, any Junior 4H/FFA animal shown by that exhibitor tests positive for any unapproved drugs, prohibited drugs, or drugs that are not under the prescription of a licensed veterinarian, the exhibitor will be banned from the Georgia National Junior Livestock Show and the Georgia National Fair for the exhibitor’s junior show career.
   e. Subject to investigation by federal, state and local authorities for criminal prosecution.
   f. Violation of these rules may result in disqualification from other 4-H and/or FFA activities.

Refusal to submit animals for testing or to cooperate in completion of minimum testing requirements will result in disqualification and subject the exhibitor to the same penalties provided for exhibitors whose animals test positive for drugs.

**Eligibility for Entry**

6. Competition is open to all bonafide Jr. 4H & FFA exhibitors (4th thru 12th grade, by Sept. 1).
7. **CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION:** All animals in the breeding classes must be recorded in recognized books of record for their respective breeds. Exhibitors must produce original certificates of registry at the request of the superintendent in charge.
8. **OWNERSHIP:** Exhibitors entering an animal in any name other than the name of the bona fide owner or owners, or showing an animal in a class for which it is not eligible, may, at the discretion of the management, be barred from further showing, and any or all premiums previously awarded may be forfeited. Entries that have been erroneously entered will be transferred to their proper classes prior to judging. Animals owned in partnership may be entered in proper classes in one owner’s name, but must appear under this ownership in all classes entered.
9. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** Health Certificates meeting requirements set forth under Health Regulations printed in the Premium List are required on all animals. Diseased animals are barred entry (at all times) into the Fairgrounds area. Superintendents are instructed and authorized to refuse unloading privileges to animals showing any signs or characteristics of disease. Inspectors will check health papers and animals upon arrival.
10. **BREEDER AFFIDAVIT:** Barren animals will not be eligible for breeding classes; an affidavit that the animal is a breeder must be furnished on request.
11. If an exhibitor has been disqualified from competition in a major show or has had a premium withheld or withdrawn on the grounds of rule violation, misrepresentation, fraud or deception, he/she will not be allowed to compete at the Georgia National Fair. In cooperation with the member shows of the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association and the Rule Infraction Database, the Georgia National Fair reserves the right to refuse entry to any exhibitor.
12. To be eligible for entry, exhibitors and their livestock must meet and adhere to the requirements of Special Rules listed under the appropriate department or departments (in subsequent pages of this premium list).

**Entries**

13. **ENTRIES AND ENTRY DEADLINE:** All livestock entries will be ONLINE ONLY. All applications for entry must be made online through [www.theshowportal.com](http://www.theshowportal.com) by the entry deadline of September 15, 2023. All entries will be paid for through the online process, using a credit/debit card.
14. **ACCEPTANCE:** In all cases, the management reserves the right to reject, accept or accept conditionally, an application for entry, and does not guarantee space in the exhibition buildings.
15. **SIGNATURE REQUIRED:** By completing the online entry the exhibitor and parent/guardian acknowledges that he/she understands and will abide by the liability requirements and rules and regulations of the Georgia National Fair.
16. **ENTRY FEES:**
   - Steer & Heifer (per animal) ..................$25.00
   - Showmanship ..................................$5.00

Entry fee includes the original bedding which will be in the stalls upon arrival of livestock. **THERE WILL BE A $25.00 CHARGE FOR ALL RETURNED CHECKS.**
17. **TACK SPACE**: Tack space for junior shows will be assigned at no charge, based on available space in the barn.

18. **CANCELLATIONS** or changes must be made no later than September 22.

19. **REFUNDS**: There will be no refunds.

20. Exhibits that have been erroneously entered may be transferred to their proper classes prior to judging. However, the management will determine each matter based on its merits.

21. **SHOW NUMBER**: Each entry in the Fair will be assigned a show number. This number will identify animals in the show and will correspond with the Official Livestock Catalog number and must be displayed properly when the entries are being judged.

**Passes and Parking**

22. **JUNIOR EXHIBITORS**
   a. Complimentary Livestock Admission Wristbands: All participating exhibitors will receive three (3) wristbands and one (1) complimentary vehicle pass per family will also be provided. (Example: If a household has 2 participating exhibitors, you will receive a total of 6 wristbands and 2 vehicle passes, etc.). Additional passes must be purchased.
   b. 4-H and FFA chapters with junior entries will receive complimentary Livestock Admission Bracelets and complimentary vehicle passes for Agents or Advisors.
   c. All Livestock Admission Bracelets must be put on when picked up and kept on until your stay with us is final, if for any reason these bracelets get lost or must be cut off, the exhibitor will be responsible for purchasing a replacement. All complimentary bracelets must be picked up at Livestock Credentials Office at the Livestock Gate to the Fairgrounds upon arrival.
   d. Additional bracelets/passes (quantities limited) may be purchased at the Livestock Credentials office. Prices: Armbands (2-day) - $25, (4-day) - $50, (season) - $95, 1-day pass - $15, Senior $10, Vehicle pass - $15
   e. Every vehicle and every person must have a bracelet/pass to enter the gate. There will be no Vehicle or Trailer parking inside the gates. All vehicles with vehicle passes will be parked in a designated area outside the Livestock Gate of the Fair. Vehicle passes are good only for parking vehicles in designated areas, not for entrance of driver or passengers. Parking spaces are limited, and a vehicle pass does not guarantee space.
   f. Livestock trailers may be dropped in designated areas without a vehicle pass. Any vehicle other than trailers must have a vehicle pass to enter and to park in designated areas.
   g. All vehicles must be out of the barn areas by 8:00 am each morning.

23. No parking is permitted on the asphalt next to the barns.

24. **NONCOMPLIANCE**: Exhibitors not cooperating with security personnel or officials of the Show in all matters of policy, including parking, will have their entries canceled and will be ordered to remove their exhibit(s) from the grounds immediately.

25. **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS**: On heavy attendance days the Georgia State Patrol will designate all gates on the Fairgrounds as exits only from approximately 9 pm until 11 pm. It is strongly suggested that you plan your entrance and exit times wisely with this information in mind.

**Judges and Judging Procedure**

26. Policies of selecting judges and of determining judging systems rest solely with the management.

27. Judges will be familiar with all rules, regulations, and procedures of the Georgia National Fair.

28. The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases and no appeal will be considered except in cases of written protest. In cases where fraud, misrepresentation, error or collusion is discovered after awards have been given, the Georgia National Fair management or such referee as may be appointed may make a decision regarding final placement. Such cases may be appealed in writing to the Livestock Committee, from whose decision there will be no appeal.

29. If any exhibitor or his/her representative interferes in any way with the judges or shows disrespect to them, or to the Show, the management may withhold from such exhibitor any premium monies that may have been awarded, or take any other steps deemed desirable.

30. Judging will not be delayed for animals entering the arena late. Any exhibit not presented promptly at the scheduled time is barred from competition in the class. Protests that the judges overlooked exhibits will not be considered.

31. No one will be allowed to act as judge in the ring or class in which he/she exhibits or in which he/she may hold an interest.

32. Judges must not award a prize to an unworthy exhibit. It is the intent of the Ag Expo Authority that no premium or distinction of any kind be given any animal that is not deserving. In cases where only one animal is being exhibited in a class, the judge shall make his/her award in accordance with the merits of the animal being exhibited which may be either first, second, third, etc. Only first prize winning animals are eligible to compete for championship honors.

**Protests**

33. **PROTEST**: Any protests against eligibility or adherence to the rules and regulations for each show must be filed as a legibly written, signed statement with the Agriculture and Youth Director accompanied by a $20.00 cash only deposit. The Protest must be filed before the end of check-in. Protest will be accepted from 4-H and FFA exhibitors only. The Protest will be heard by a grievance committee made up of three (3) people from 4-H and FFA. This committee will be chaired by the show Superintendent or Co-Superintendent. This committee will meet in private at the convenience of the committee. If the protest is not sustained by the grievance committee the deposit shall be forfeited to the 4-H and FFA Foundation. Protest decision by
the Three Member Committee will be final. No other protest will be considered by the Protest Committee, Agriculture and Youth Director, or the Georgia National Fair.

Care of Animals, Stalls and Pens

34. ANIMAL WELL-BEING: Management reserves the right to remove any exhibitor from the grounds who is deemed to be mistreating any animal.

35. CONTROL: All animals exhibited at the Georgia National Fair must be halter broke.

36. BEDDING: The official bedding of the Georgia National Fair is wood shavings. All beef entries in the Junior and Open shows will be required to use wood shavings in the barn. The first bedding is provided, and additional chips can be purchased on site. Absolutely NO exceptions to this rule. Violators will forfeit all premiums won.

37. BEDDING SALES: Shavings and straw will be available on the Fairgrounds at reasonable prices. Straw will be allowed in the outside tie-outs only, except where otherwise specified. Hours and location for purchase of bedding will be posted.

38. TIE-OUTS: Cattle may be tied out after 8:00 pm each evening in areas designated by management. Outside tie space is available on a “first come, first served” basis. Cattle only allowed in tie-out areas. Exhibitors are permitted to use any type bedding they so desire (natural products only) in the designated tie-out area. No equipment of any kind allowed, fans, generators, pens, tents, etc. Pens may be set up in the tie-out areas, but no electric fence is allowed in tie out area. Panels are allowed to be set up as pens for cattle. Maximum pen size is 12'x12'. Exhibitors are responsible for ensuring the pens/animals are secured. The GNF Show Management will monitor and remove panels if rules are not followed. Vehicles permitted for delivery of bedding and feed only. Vehicles must not be left unattended and are not allowed to park in the tie-out area.

39. SIGNS: Livestock exhibitors are permitted to display a sign or banner over their exhibit advertising their own herd or farm. This sign or banner shall be of a reasonable size so as not to obstruct the view of other exhibitors’ signs or exhibits of livestock. Signs not to exceed 22 X 28 inches may be used to advertise individual animals within an individual exhibit. The management reserves the right to have objectionable signs removed.

40. Posting of signs is not allowed outside the barns or in any area inside the barns other than in the exhibitors assigned spaces.

41. All owners and those in charge of property or livestock shall care for, guard, protect and preserve the livestock and feed on a “first come, first served” basis. Cattle only allowed in tie-out areas, but must be off the grounds by noon the following day.

42. NO DOGS are allowed on the Georgia National Fairgrounds during the Fair except guide dogs and dogs participating in demonstrations and/or competitions.

43. All articles and animals for exhibition must be in their places, with all rubbish and waste cleared away by 9:00 am each morning.

44. ARRIVAL TIME: All animals must be in the barn by the time and date specified in this book under individual shows. Early arrivals allowed only with prior approval of barn manager and will be required to spend the night in the tie-outs.

45. DEPARTURE TIME: All animals must be out of the barn by 9:00 pm on the date of their release as specified in this book under individual shows. They may spend that night in the tie-outs, but must be off the grounds by noon the following day.

46. EARLY DEPARTURE: Any animal on exhibition may not be removed from the grounds prior to its release time without a special order given by the Livestock Department. Any violation of this rule will cause forfeiture of all premiums earned by exhibitor.

47. ANY EQUIPMENT Brought IN TO BE USED IN YOUR STALL OR SPACE MUST COMPLY WITH AND BE USED IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL FEDERAL, STATE AND MUNICIPAL OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REGULATIONS.

48. NO BUTT FANS ALLOWED: No fans allowed in alleyways. All fans must be attached to tie panel in stalling area and cannot be attached by extension to hang beyond 42 inches from tie panel.

49. PORTABLE SCALES: Exhibitors will not be allowed to bring portable scales into the building.

50. No demonstrators, trophies, decorations, portals, fountains, signs, banners (except as allowed in rule # 41), advertising matter or exhibits of any kind or character will be allowed in the aisles or public passageways or attached to the Show buildings’ walls, posts, or doors.

51. TRIMMING CHUTES: will be assigned locations in the tie space area. NO chutes allowed in center aisle of cattle barn.

52. BREED SHOWS: Where breed shows are offered, breeds that do not meet the minimum requirements for that show for two consecutive years will no longer be offered a breed show. See individual show rules.

53. The use of roller blades, roller skates, scooters, or other unauthorized forms of transportation is prohibited on the Fairgrounds at all times.

Photographs

54. Exhibitors of Champion, Reserve Champion winners as well as Top Five must make themselves and their animals available for official photographs and must remain at the Show until animals are released; those photographs are to become the property of the Georgia National Fair with copies made available on site for purchase by the exhibitors. Failure to comply may result in premium monies being withheld. Only the photographers displaying the badge of “Official Photographer” are authorized to take photos for resale on the Fairgrounds.
**Premiums & Awards**

55. Premium vouchers will be distributed during the show. These vouchers must redeemed for the cash payout at the show office by 30 minutes after the completion of the show. No premiums will be mailed after the show.

**Notice to Exhibitors**

56. Exhibitors may spend the night inside the barns only to tend to lactating animals and must do so within their assigned stalling area or purchase additional stalling space, if available. No other camping is allowed in or around the barn areas.

57. In order to create a good public image and add to the attractiveness of the livestock area, all beds, cots, bedding, etc., should be stored out of sight by 8 a.m. each morning.

58. No cooking is allowed inside or around the outside of the barns to comply with local fire codes. *Coolers are allowed.*

59. No Unauthorized ATVs, Golf Carts, Motorcycles or Bicycles allowed on grounds.

60. The following are prohibited on the property known as the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter: Skateboards, Scooters, Roller Skates, Hover Boards, Roller Blades, and other similar mechanical equipment.
Georgia National Fair
Jr. Invitational Showmanship

Showmanship Judge: ..................... ........TBA

Show Time
Showmanship: Fri., Oct. 13, 2:00pm

Arena
Sutherland Arena

1. **JR INVITATIONAL SHOWMANSHIP** will be a combination of Jr. Invitational Market Beef and Breeding Heifer exhibitors starting with 4th grade and will show in Sutherland Arena. Each participant in SHOWMANSHIP must own the calf they show and the calf must be entered and qualified to show in the market beef or breeding heifer classes. **Showmanship classes will be split into heats and these heats will be printed and posted in barn. Every exhibitor must compete in their specific heat.**

2. **SUBSTITUTE SHOWMEN**: No substitute showmen will be allowed to show in showmanship.

**Jr. Invitational Showmanship**

*Combination of Jr. Invitational Steer and Heifer Exhibitors*

*1st Place, each class - Belt Buckle*

Class 1 - 4th grade
Class 2 - 5th grade
Class 3 - 6th grade
Class 4 - 7th grade
Class 5 - 8th grade
Class 6 - 9th grade
Class 7 - 10th grade
Class 8 - 11th grade
Class 9 - 12th grade
The Jr. Invitational Market Beef Show is being held in conjunction with the Georgia National Fair. All entries are open to 4-H and FFA members.

Superintendent: Carole Knight (706) 542-8892
Co-Superintendents: Todd Claxton (229) 386-3196

Must be in barn by Friday, Oct. 13, 12:00 pm

Show Time
Showmanship: Fri., Oct. 13, 2:00pm
Market Beef Show: Sat., Oct. 14, 1:00pm

Check-in/Weigh-in/Steer Classification: Fri. Oct. 13, 10:00am – 12:00pm

2. HEALTH CERTIFICATES: Health Certificates meeting requirements set forth under Health Regulations printed in this Premium List and current Georgia Department of Agriculture regulations are required on all animals.
3. ELIGIBILITY: Classes open only to 4-H and FFA members 4th through 12th grade in school. No exhibitor who has graduated from high school is eligible to show in regular classes or in showmanship.
4. ENTRY DEADLINE: All livestock entries will be ONLINE ONLY. All applications for entry must be made online through www.theshowportal.com by the entry deadline of September 15, 2023. All entries will be paid for through the online process, using a credit/debit card.
5. REFUNDS: There will be no refunds.
6. SIGNATURES: By completing the online entry the exhibitor and parent/guardian acknowledges that he/she understands and will abide by the liability requirements and rules and regulations of the Georgia National Fair.
7. NUMBER OF ENTRIES: There is no limit on the number of steers or heifers an exhibitor may enter in the show. However, no more than two (2) beef animals may be entered or shown per class by any exhibitor.
8. OWNERSHIP: Market beef animals must be owned by the exhibitor since September 15, 2023. A description of the calf, including breed, birth date and tattoo number, must entered on the form. This is a feeder market beef calf show and it is suggested that all calves be born on or after August 1, 2022. The Show Committee reserves the right to mouth all cattle. The exhibitor must maintain continuous full ownership, possession and provide daily care for the cattle from September 15, 2023 to show time.
9. TATTOO: All steers must have a legible ear tattoo which must correspond to tattoo number on entry form. Tattoos will be checked. No fresh tattoos allowed.
10. The GNF Jr. Invitational steer show will be structured so that divisions will be separated into breeds which will further be divided into classes based on weight.

The Divisions will be composed of:

A. Crossbreed Division. This division will consist of calves of varying percentages of British and Continental breeds.
B. Brahman Influence Division. This division will consist of calves of varying percentages of Brahman (Bos indicus).
C. Breed Divisions. Any breed with a minimum of five (5) steers after check-in and classification will be considered a breed division.
D. All Other Breeds Division. Any breed division (including Brahman derivative) with less than five steers will show in the All Other Breeds (AOB) division.
E. Steer Classifications Guidelines:
*Continental Breeds:* Steers must show a predominance of characteristics indicating that the animal is approximately 50% or more of the breed entered. Continental breeds include (but are not limited to) Charolais, Chi-Influence, Gelbvieh, Limousin, Maine-Anjou and Simmental.

*British Breeds:* **Angus:** Must show all the characteristics of the Angus breed; black in color with no white above the underline, or on leg, foot, or tail (white is allowed in front of the navel.) Smooth polled, nor scurs. **Hereford:** Hereford steer should exhibit typical Hereford color markings, breed character, and phenotypic expression of frame size, muscle and structure (Freckles, dark eye pigmentation and small ticks will be included.) Horned and Polled Herefords are eligible (horned steers must be dehorned). **Shorthorn:** Must show all characteristics of the Shorthorn breed. Color typically should be red, white or red/white roan. No black or blue/white roans allowed. **Red Angus:** Must show all characteristics of the Red Angus breed. Smooth polled, no scurs. **Brahman Influences:** Must show evidence of Brahman (or Brahman derivative) parentage.

Other critical points:

*Exhibitors will declare a breed on the entry form based on the breed characteristics of their steer.*

*Steers will be classified by a committee of three classifiers. If less than 50 head of steers are entered in the Junior Invitational Steer Show, show management reserves the right to create a steer show of classified steers into British, Continental or Crossbred. Those steers grouped as either British or Continental will then be shown by weight, lightest to heaviest. The judge will select a Champion, Reserve Champion and a Third High Overall representative from British, Continental and Crossbred Division that will all compete for Top Five Steer Honors. If more than 50 head of steers are entered in the Junior Invitational Steer Show, steers will be shown by those breeds classified by the committee of classifiers and Overall Top Five Steers will be selected.*

11. **MARKET HEIFERS:** Market heifers will be not be classified. They will be shown by weight.
12. **WEIGH-IN:** All market cattle will be weighed by show officials on Friday, Oct. 13, between 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. No reweighs after calves leave the scales. Class winners will not be reweighed.
13. **CHAMPIONSHIP:** The first place market beef in each division will show for the Grand and Reserve Champion. The second place market beef from the division from which Grand Champion of the show is picked will compete for Reserve Champion. Each Grand and Reserve Champion will compete for overall Top 5.
14. **SUBSTITUTE SHOWMEN:** Animal must be shown by owner. Substitute showmen allowed where exhibitor has more than one animal in a class. Substitute must be a 4-H or FFA member and must be approved by show superintendent. No adults other than officials of the show will be allowed in the show-ring. No substitute showmen will be allowed to show in showmanship.
15. **CONTROL:** All market cattle must be halter broken. Animals that are unruly can be dismissed from the show-ring at the discretion of the judge or the show superintendent. Any calf that breaks loose from the exhibitor three (3) times while in the show-ring will be disqualified.
16. **FORCE FILLING OF STEERS/MARKET HEIFERS:** Force filling of steers/market heifers with any substance, water included, is prohibited. This includes the use of pumps, tubes, hoses, etc. Drenches are acceptable when using products to help the animal (example - electrolytes, calming, and bloat guards). Drench applicators must be 150cc/ml or less. All steers/market heifers must be shown in their natural conformation and structure without alteration by modification except for the grooming and treatment of the hair and trimming of the hooves. No graphite, hair, cotton twine, etc. may be applied.
17. **ALL MARKET CATTLE MUST BE DEHORNED:** Any regrowth of horns should be rasped and made presentable for the show.
18. No hair, cotton twine, etc. may be applied to the animal.
19. No nose tongs can be used in exhibiting cattle.
20. **STALLING:** Stalling will be the responsibility of the barn manager, changes may be made at their discretion.
21. **BEDDING:** Wood chip bedding will be provided for the first bedding. No straw, sand or other material will be allowed in the beef barn complex.
22. **TACK AREAS** will be assigned on an available basis depending on the number of animals actually checked in.
23. **NECK ROPES** must be used for tying calves and provided by the participant.
24. Exhibitors must keep the part of the building occupied by them neat and attractive in appearance. Ribbons won at this and other shows may be used to decorate the area. Paint or any other substance that will mar or deface the stalls WILL NOT be tolerated.
25. **NO BLOCKING CHUTES** will be allowed in the arena area.
26. **NO BUTT FANS ALLOWED.** No fans allowed in alleyways. All fans must be attached to tie panel in stalling area and cannot be attached by extension to hang beyond 42 inches from the tie panel.
27. **TIE-OUTS:** Cattle may be tied out after 8:00 pm each evening in areas designated by management. Outside tie space is available on a “first come, first served” basis. Cattle are only allowed in tie-out areas. Exhibitors are permitted to use any type of bedding they so desire (natural products only) in the designated tie-out area. No equipment of any kind allowed, fans, generators, tents, etc. Pens may be set in the tie out area, but no electric fence is allowed in the tie out area. Panels are allowed to be set up as pens in tie outs for cattle. Maximum pen space is 12’x12’. Exhibitors are responsible for ensuring the pens/animals are secured. The GNF Show Management will monitor and remove panels if rules are not followed. Vehicles permitted for delivery of bedding and feed only. Vehicles must not be left unattended and are not allowed to park in the tieout area.
28. **PASSES:** Complimentary passes must be picked up at the Livestock Credentials Office at the Livestock Gate of the Fairgrounds upon arrival.

Note: Any breed with a minimum of five steers after check-in and classification will be considered a breed division.
Georgia National Fair  
Jr. Invitational Heifer Show

Judge:..................................TBA

The Jr. Invitational Heifer Show is being held in conjunction with the Georgia National Fair. All entries are open to 4-H and FFA members.

Superintendent: Christa Steinkamp (706) 542-6366  
Co-Superintendents: Kate Whiting (478) 987-2028

Must be in barn by Fri., Oct. 13, 12:00 pm

Show Time Arena
Showmanship: Fri., Oct. 13, 2:00pm Sutherland Arena
Market Beef Show: Sat., Oct. 14, 1:00pm Sutherland Arena
Heifer Show: Sun., Oct. 15, 9:00am Sutherland Arena

Check-in/Weigh-in/Steer Classification:  Fri. Oct. 14, 10:00am – 12:00pm

2. **HEALTH CERTIFICATES**: Health Certificates meeting requirements set forth under Health Regulations printed in the Premium List and current Georgia Department of Agriculture regulations are required on all animals.
3. **ELIGIBILITY**: Classes open only to 4-H and FFA members 4th through 12th grade in school. No exhibitor who has graduated from high school is eligible to show in regular classes or in showmanship.
4. **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS** will be required for premium checks in the amount of $600 or more.
5. **ENTRY DEADLINE**: All livestock entries will be ONLINE ONLY. All applications for entry must be made online through www.theshowportal.com by the entry deadline of September 15, 2023. All entries will be paid for through the online process, using a credit/debit card.
6. **REFUNDS**: There will be no refunds.
7. **SIGNATURES**: By completing the online entry the exhibitor and parent/guardian acknowledges that he/she understands and will abide by the liability requirements and rules and regulations of the Georgia National Fair.
8. **NO. OF ENTRIES**: There is no limit on the number of market cattle or breeding heifers an exhibitor may enter in the show. However, no more than two (2) head may be entered or shown per class by any exhibitor.
9. **OWNERSHIP**: Heifers must have been owned by the exhibitor since September 15, 2023. The exhibitor must maintain continuous full ownership, possession, and provide daily care for the heifer(s) from September 15, 2023, to show time.
10. **REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES** (all heifers except Commercial): The original registration certificate must be presented at the time heifers are checked in for the show. Tattoos will be checked. No copies or duplication of the original registration certificate will be accepted. Heifers that are entered as registered heifers, but which do not have a registration certificate or do not meet minimum percentage requirements per these rules at check-in, will not be allowed to show and will not be moved to the Commercial Class. Registration certificate must be made out in the exhibitor’s name only. Farm name or family name will not be acceptable. **Registration number must be included on entry form.**
11. **AGE**: Both commercial Heifers and registered heifers must be born September 1, 2021, and after.
12. **TATTOO**: All heifers, including Commercial heifers, must have a legible tattoo, or brand where acceptable by breed association, and must match tattoo number on Registration papers. Tattoo or brand number must be included on entry form; otherwise, entry will not be accepted. No fresh tattoos allowed.
13. **BREED SHOWS**: There must be five (5) heifers actually showing per breed division to make for a championship drive. If less than five (5) heifers check-in then they will show in “Other Breeds”. If a breed division does not make for 2 consecutive years they will show in “Other Breeds”. The Composite Other Breeds division which will include any percentage registered breed with less than 5 (five) head present at the show (Low Percentage Simmental, Chi Influence, and Charolais Record).
Simmental – Registered Fullblood (Fleckvieh) Simmentals will have a separate breed show if there are five (5) or more checked-in for the show. If there are less than five (5) Fullblood (Fleckvieh) Simmentals, they will show in Composite Other Breeds. Registered percentage Simmentals will have a separate breed show if there are five (5) or more checked-in for the show. If there are less than five (5) registered High Percentage Simmentals, they will be combined with the purebred Simmental. Percentage Simmental heifers must be at least ½ Simmental genetics to compete in the High Percentage Simmental Show. Any registered Percentage Heifer that is less than ½ Simmental genetics will show in the Low Percentage division IF there are five (5) or more head entered in the show. If there are less than five (5) Low Percentage heifers, they will show in the Composite Other Breeds Division.

Limousin and Lim-Flex - Registered Limousin must be orange papered and 75% or higher to compete in the Limousin Show. All Lim-Flex heifers must be purple papered and 25% or higher to compete in the Limousin Show. Limousin and Lim-Flex females will show together in one show. Registered Shorthorn Plus (those with green papers) will be shown separately from purebred shorthorns (those with red papers) provided there are at least five (5) head check in at the show. If there are less than five (5) registered checked in they will show with the purebreds.

Registered Shorthorn Plus (those with green papers) – Will be shown separately from purebred shorthorns (those with red papers) provided there are at least seven (7) head check in at the show. If there are less than seven (7) registered checked in, they will show with the purebreds.

Charolais – Only purebred Charolais will be allowed to compete in the Charolais Show Charolais Record – Charolais Record animal will be shown separately if there are five (5) or more checked in. If there are less than 5 they must show in the Composite Other Breeds Division.

Gelbvieh – Balancers will have a separate breed show if there are five (5) or more checked in for the show. If there are less than five (5) registered Balancers, they will be combined with the purebred Gelbvieh.

Chi Influence Heifers - Chi Influence heifers must be a minimum of 6.25% Chi to show as Chi Influence. If less than five (5) check in, they show in the Composite Other Breeds Division.

Miniature Hereford will be shown separately if there are five (5) or more checked in. If there are less than 5 they must show in the Hereford Division.

High % Maine, Maintainer and Maine Angus – Registered High % Maine heifers must be Brown papered and 75% or higher to compete in the Maine Show. All Maintainer heifers must be Green papered and 1/4 - 5/8 Maine-Anjou to show in the Maine show. Maine Angus cattle must be Blue papered and 3/8 Maine-Anjou to 5/8 Maine-Anjou blood and have between 3/8 registered Angus to 5/8 registered Angus and/or registered Red Angus blood to show in the Maine show. High % Maine, Maintainer and Maine Angus females will show together in one show.

Any Percentage/Composite/Plus that does not have a breed listed must be entered in “COB”.

Registered heifers will be checked in with their registration papers. If less than 50 head of heifers are entered in the Junior Invitational Heifer Show, show management reserves the right to create a heifer show of registered heifers into either British, Continental or Commercial. Those heifers grouped as either British or Continental will then be shown by youngest to oldest. Commercial heifers will be weighed in and shown by weight, lightest to heaviest. The judge will select a Champion, Reserve Champion and a Third High Overall representative from British, Continental and Commercial Division that will all compete for Top Five Heifer Honors. If more than 50 head of heifers are entered in the Junior Invitational Heifer Show, heifers will be shown by the provided breed breaks and Overall Top Five Females will be selected.

14. MOUTHING: All heifers are subject to be mouthed for age.
15. CLASSES: Registered heifers will be shown by breed. Commercial heifers will be shown by weight. Classes will be split at the discretion of show management based on the number of entries.
16. CHAMPIONSHIP: The 1st and 2nd place heifers in each class will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of the respective breeds. Each Grand and Reserve Champion will compete for overall Top 5.
17. SUBSTITUTE SHOWMEN: Exhibitor must show their own animal unless the exhibitor has more than one animal in the same class. Substitute must be a 4-H or FFA member and must be approved by show superintendent. No adults other than officials of the show will be allowed in the ring.
18. CONTROL: All heifers must be halter broken. Animals that are unruly can be dismissed from the show-ring at the discretion of the judge or the show superintendent. Any heifer that breaks loose from the exhibitor three (3) times while in the show-ring will be disqualified.
19. **FORCE FILLING OF HEIFERS**: Force filling of heifers with any substance, water included, is prohibited. This includes the use of pumps, tubes, hoses, etc. Drenches are acceptable when using products to help the animal (example - electrolytes, calming, and bloat guards). Drench applicators must be 150cc/ml or less. All heifers must be shown in their natural conformation and structure without alteration by modification except for the grooming and treatment of the hair and trimming of the hooves. No graphite, hair, cotton twine, etc. may be applied.

20. No nose tongs can be used in exhibiting cattle.

21. **STALLING**: Stalling will be the responsibility of the barn manager, changes may be made at their discretion.

22. **BEDDING**: A first bedding of wood chips will be provided. No straw, sand, or colored wood chips will be allowed in the beef barn complex.

23. **TACK AREAS**: Tack areas will be assigned on an available basis depending on the number of animals actually checked in.

24. **NO FANS ALLOWED.** No fans allowed in alleyways. All fans must be attached to tie panel in stalling area and cannot be attached by extension to hang beyond 42 inches from tie panel.

25. **TIE-OUTS**: Cattle may be tied out after 8:00 pm each evening in areas designated by management. Outside tie space is available on a “first come, first served” basis. Cattle are only allowed in tie-out areas. Exhibitors are permitted to use any type of bedding they desire (natural products only) in the designated tie-out area. No equipment of any kind allowed, fans, generators, tents, etc. Pens may be set in the tie out area, but no electric fence is allowed in the tie out area. Panels are allowed to be set up as pens in tie outs for cattle. Maximum pen space is 12’x12’. Exhibitors are responsible for ensuring the pens/animals are secured. The GNF Show Management will monitor and remove panels if rules are not followed. Vehicles permitted for delivery of bedding and feed only. Vehicles must not be left unattended and are not allowed to park in the tieout area.

26. **PASSES**: Complimentary passes must be picked up at the Livestock Credentials Office at the Livestock Gate of the Fairgrounds upon arrival.

27. Heifers may be entered in both the Breeding Heifer show and the Market Heifer show. They have to be entered/paid for at the time of entry. Heifers will not be allowed to move from Breeding Heifer show to Market Heifer show or vice versa at the time of check-in.

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**Classifications for Each Breed**

*Except Commercial Heifers*

**Jr Invitational Heifer Show**

*(The seven classes listed below are the only ones offered in this show for all breeds except Commercial Heifers.) Registered heifers must be born September 1, 2021, and after.*

- **Class 1** - Junior Heifer Calf - born January 1, 2023, and after
- **Class 2** - Winter Heifer Calf - born November 1 - December 31, 2022
- **Class 3** - Senior Heifer Calf - born September 1 - October 31, 2022
- **Class 4** - Late Summer Heifer - born July 1 - August 31, 2022
- **Class 5** - Summer Heifer - born April 1 - June 31, 2022
- **Class 6** - Yearling Heifer - born January 1 - March 31, 2022
- **Class 7** - Senior Yearling Heifer - born September 1 - December 31, 2021

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**Classifications for Commercial Heifers**

**Jr Invitational Heifer Show**

*Commercial Heifers must be born September 1, 2021, and after*

Commercial Heifers will be weighed at check-in and shown by weight. Classes may be divided into divisions with division champions competing for overall champion. Division champions will receive award; overall champion will receive award and premium money. Class winners will not be reweighed.