

## BEEF CATTLE

### Department 1—Open Show

Amount Offered: \$8,546

Individual Entry and Stall Fee: \$19.00 per entry (2 entries per Class maximum)

**NO EXTRA STALLS AVAILABLE**

Pair Fee: \$12.00 per animal

Late Entry Fee – Requires Approval: \$45.00 per entry

Judging Time: Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 9:00 am

Superintendents: Jennifer Wittum .....(815)739-6566

Assistant Superintendents: Matt Wittum.....(815)482-8475

Royce Madula.....(847)366-1690

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### Rules and Regulations

**NEW THIS YEAR: Curfew Enforced – Quiet time and curfew is 12:00am midnight – 5:00am.**

**All exhibits are closed. This includes grandstands, midway, campground and barns. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult during these times.**

1. Entries must be filed with the fair office by 2:00 pm on July 19, 2026, **online entries are due at midnight. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU REGISTER ONLINE!**
2. All exhibitors must buy one (1) week long exhibitor pass, **no exceptions.**
3. Health papers for all beef animals except steers and calves less than 6 months of age must be presented to a Superintendent upon arrival to the fairgrounds.
4. Registered animals must be transferred by June 1, 2026. Registration papers and Class entries for all breeding stock and breed steers must be verified upon arrival.
5. Beef animals may arrive after 12:00 pm. All market animals will be weighed and tagged between **3:00 pm and 7:00 pm Monday**, at the fairgrounds. Entries must be in place by 7:00 pm.
6. **Release time for Open Division only will be Friday after 7:00 am.** All others will be released at **6:00pm** on Sunday. If you leave before your designated release time you will forfeit your premiums, **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
7. Each animal brought to the fair will be assigned one (1) stall by a Superintendent.
8. All exhibitors must wear either leather shoes or boots when showing. No tennis shoes will be allowed.
9. All exhibitors must keep animals and stalls clean during the entire fair or premiums will be withheld. All stalls must be cleaned out before release or premiums checks will be withheld.
10. Only one (1) fan hung above the animal will be allowed, **No Butt Fans.**
11. **IMPORTANT:** No water tanks will be permitted. All cattle must be watered with their own buckets.
12. Cattle can be tied out after 8:00 pm. Cattle **must** be removed from tie outs by 8:00 am daily.
13. **While exhibiting on the McHenry County Fairgrounds, owners of animals in need of additional nutritional supplements or medical attention must let the superintendent know immediately AND have the Fair Veterinarian fill out and sign off on the Veterinarian Treatment Form. Any forced substances used on breed or market animals while on fairground property, must be approved by the Fair Veterinarian. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
14. The McHenry County Fair Association, for the safety of those attending the Fair (including the rider), prohibits the use of bicycles, scooters, skateboards, hoverboards, and similar wheeled riding items of the Fairgrounds, during the Annual Fair, including set-up and take-down.

## **Premiums**

### **Breeding Cattle:** First-\$43; Second-\$28; Third-\$21; Fourth-\$14

Champion Angus – \$70.00 and Banner

Champion Hereford – \$70.00 and Banner

Champion Shorthorn – \$70.00 and Banner

Champion A.O.B. – \$70.00 and Banner

Champion Commercial – \$70.00 and Banner

Grand Champion Female: – \$150.00 and Banner

Reserve Grand Champion Female– \$100.00 and Banner

Reserve Champion Angus – \$35.00

Reserve Champion Hereford – \$35.00

Reserve Champion Shorthorn – \$35.00

Reserve Champion A.O.B. – \$35.00

Reserve Champion Commercial – \$35.00

### **Steers:** First-\$50; Second-\$43; Third-\$35; Fourth-\$28; Fifth-\$21; Sixth-\$14

Champion Angus – \$70.00

Champion Hereford – \$70.00

Champion Shorthorn – \$70.00

Champion A.O.B. – \$70.00

Champion Crossbred – \$70.00

Grand Champion Steer– \$250.00 and Banner

Reserve Champion Angus – \$35.00

Reserve Champion Hereford – \$35.00

Reserve Champion Shorthorn – \$35.00

Reserve Champion A.O.B. – \$35.00

Reserve Champion Crossbred – \$35.00

Reserve Grand Champion Steer– \$150.00 and Banner

## **Bonus Premiums**

**Showmanship:** (Winner of each age group will receive \$20 plus a rosette)

Ages 8-11

Ages 12-15

Ages 16 & Over

## **Northern Illinois Shorthorn Unlimited Steer Program:**

Shorthorn steers purchased this year and nominated by the breeder of the Northern Illinois Shorthorn Unlimited Association (NISUA) are eligible to show in this special steer Division. There are no entry fees. Entries will be made the day of the Open Division steer show. (Any questions contact Frank Kearns at 847-833-2609). **Payouts** will be made by the NISUA representative the day of the show and are as follows: \$100, \$90, \$80, \$70, \$60, \$50, \$40, \$30, \$20, \$10.

## **Top 10 Hereford Steer Program:**

Hereford steers purchased this year and nominated by the breeder of the Northern Illinois Hereford Association (NIHA) are eligible to show in this special steer Division. There are no entry fees. Entries will be made the day of the Open Division steer show. (Any questions contact Frank Kearns at 847-833-2609). **Payouts** will be made by the NIHA representative the day of the show and are as follows: \$100, \$90, \$80, \$70, \$60, \$50, \$40, \$30, \$20, \$10.

## **Division Definitions:**

Angus, Hereford, Shorthorn (with registration papers from breed association)

A.O.B. (All other breeds with breed registration papers)

Commercial (all non-registered cattle)

## **Class Definitions:**

Senior Yearling Heifer – born between July 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024

Junior Yearling Heifer – born between January 1, 2025 and April 30, 2025

Summer Yearling Heifer – born between May 1, 2025 and August 31, 2025

Senior Heifer Calf – born between September 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025

Junior Heifer Calf – born between January 1, 2026 and May 31, 2026

Junior Bull Calf – born between January 1, 2026 and May 31, 2026

Cow/Calf – cow born before January 1, 2024 with calf born between January 1, 2026 and May 31, 2026

Produce of Dam – 2 animals from same dam

\* Ribbons will not be given for pairs or produce of dam classes.

<b>Division</b>	<b>Class</b>	
<b>BREEDING CATTLE</b>		
<b>A</b> Angus	<b>1</b> Senior yearling heifer	<b>6</b> Junior bull calf
<b>B</b> Hereford	<b>2</b> Junior yearling heifer	<b>7</b> Cow/calf
<b>C</b> Shorthorn	<b>3</b> Summer yearling heifer	<b>8</b> Pair of junior calves
<b>D</b> A.O.B.	<b>4</b> Senior heifer calf	<b>9</b> Pair of females
	<b>5</b> Junior heifer calf	<b>10</b> Produce of Dam
<b>E</b> Commercial	<b>1</b> Junior Heifer Calf	<b>4</b> Cow/calf
	<b>2</b> Yearling Heifer	<b>5</b> Pair of junior calves
	<b>3</b> Junior Bull Calf	<b>6</b> Pair of females
<b>MARKET STEERS</b>		
<b>F</b> Angus <b>G</b> Hereford <b>H</b> Shorthorn <b>I</b> A.O.B <b>J</b> Crossbred	<b>1</b> Market Steers (will be divided into weight classes)	

# Open Beef Entry Form

## \_\_\_\_\_ Open Show

- Register online at [www.mchenrycountyfair.com](http://www.mchenrycountyfair.com) or in the office at 11900 Country Club Road, Woodstock, IL 60098 on Monday – Tuesday from 9 am – 2 pm. In person registration dates: Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup> 2-7pm and July 19<sup>th</sup> 11 am-2pm ONLY.
- Entries must be filed with the fair office by 2:00 pm on July 19, 2025, **online entries are due at midnight. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU REGISTER ONLINE!**
- Entries will NOT be taken by phone, fax, or email. NO REFUNDS!
- One entry per line. Note changes in Division and Class numbers!

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

	Dept. Number	Division Letter	Class Number	Description of Entry (include Breed)
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#	Fee	Total
	\$19.00 per individual entry and stall fee	
	\$12.00 pair entry fee	
	\$45.00 Late entry fee per entry	
	\$15 Exhibitor Pass	

I have read and understand, and in consideration for being permitted to exhibit at the 2026 McHenry County Fair, agree and consent to abide by the rules of competition. This includes the McHenry County Rules and Regulations and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics as stated in the Rule section in the McHenry County Fair Book and on the Website: [mchenrycountyfair.com](http://mchenrycountyfair.com)

	_____ (one required per Exhibitor)	
<u>Number of Head</u>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>

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Exhibitor (Owner/Exhibitor) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Guardian/Parent of Exhibitor (if under 18 years of age) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_