

Arrival of Animals
PLEASE READ

The grounds will be open for the arrival of cattle beginning at
9 a.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 2026

Neither exhibitors nor cattle will be allowed to access the grounds prior to that time.
NO EXCEPTIONS.

In no case shall any animal be brought onto the grounds or placed into the barns on exhibit except by,
and at the expense of, the owner or his/her hired authorized agent.

Check In Schedule

Wednesday – **Gate 1** opens at 9 a.m. and closes at 12:00a.m -midnight (no overnight check in)
Thursday – **Gate 1** opens at 6:00 a.m. and closes at 9:00a.m.
Friday – **Gate 1** opens at 5:00p.m. and closes at 10:00 p.m.
Saturday – **Gate 1** opens at 7:00a.m and closes at 9:00 a.m.

All show animals must be on the grounds by the following times:

Open Show Cattle	9:00 a.m. Thursday
Junior Show Cattle	9:00 a.m. Saturday

Weigh In Schedule

Thursday – 12:00 (noon) to 1p.m. - Open Show Commercial heifers

**Saturday – 10:00a.m.- 11:00a.m. - Junior Show breed steers, crossbred steers, market heifers,
prospects and Junior Show Commercial heifers that were not weighed for Open Show.**

1. Upon arrival on the grounds ALL Open & Junior Show cattle will be checked in BEFORE UNLOADING. Follow the signs upon entering grounds to check in.
2. Before unloading: ALL cattle, registration and health papers will be checked, and stalling instructions and exhibitor numbers will be given.
3. Health papers must have the exhibitor's name on them. Not just the farm or breeder name. If you have a health paper for more than one exhibitor, make sure each exhibitor is listed prior to check in.
4. Bring your entry confirmation with you to check in.
5. For a smooth check in, MAKE SURE & DOUBLE CHECK that the trailer hauling your cattle has all the appropriate paperwork or you will wait until it arrives.
6. NO Junior Show ONLY Cattle allowed on grounds prior to 5pm Friday unless they are coming in with Open Show cattle.
7. NO CATTLE WILL BE PROCESSED OR UNLOADED BETWEEN 9am THURSDAY & 5pm FRIDAY.

WORLD BEEF EXPO GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

**Exhibitors are required to familiarize themselves with
all the rules of this show applicable to their exhibits.**

1. **Violation of Rules.** All entries and exhibitors of any kind and character in this exhibition are subject to these regulations, and any violation will subject exhibitors to such penalty as management may order.
2. **Interpretation of Rules.** World Beef Expo reserves, to the Executive Director and the Executive Committee, the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations, and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, or differences in regard to, arising out of, or incident to the show and its rules and regulations.
3. **Application for Entry.** All entry applications must be submitted electronically on the WBE website in accordance with the entry instructions. Entry information may be obtained from the World Beef Expo website, www.worldbeefexpo.com.
Entry Deadline – September 7, 2026 LATE ENTRIES will be accepted until September 13th with an additional fee. NO ENTRIES AFTER SEPTEMBER 13.

Application must be received on or before the dates listed above. Entries received after these dates will not be accepted.

World Beef Expo is not responsible for electronic entries not received by entry date and time.

ENTRY FEES ARE \$ 105 per entry for open show and \$80 for junior show. Late fees are an additional \$30 for Open Show and \$10 for the Junior Show. All fees must be paid by credit card or mailed to World Beef Expo to be eligible for entry. No refunds of entry fees or any other fees will be made to exhibitors whose animals are entered but not shown. World Beef Expo is a not for profit organization and needs your support to continue hosting this event. Entry fees include common mulch for your animals in the barns. You must provide your own bedding if using tie outs.

4. **Accepting Entries.** In all cases, World Beef Expo management reserves the right to reject entirely or accept conditionally any entry or application. It is intended that only such animals shall be exhibited as have merit. The Executive Director may appoint a special committee on the opening day of the show to view the animals entered for exhibition: Upon the recommendation of said committee that any animal or animals which do not have merit as would entitle them to exhibit, the Executive Director may require them removed from the World Beef Expo grounds.

World Beef Expo reserves the right to withdraw the classification and prizes in any department, upon the closing of the entries, where it is found the animal(s) entered would be discreditable to the exhibition.
5. **Erroneous Entry.** Animals incorrectly entered may be transferred to their proper class, prior to judging, upon application to a superintendent. Upon the approval of a superintendent or, in his/her absence, the Executive Director, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to notify the entry office of an approved class change for any entry.
6. **Multiple Entries.** Each animal may be **shown** in one and only one breed division per show, regardless of eligibility. Animals that are eligible for multiple breed divisions may be shown in only one division, at the discretion of the paid entrant. If an animal is paid and entered in two breed shows, the decision must be made at check in as to which show they wish to show in. Animals cannot be changed later after looking at class line up. Any animal found to have been entered and shown in multiple breed divisions will be disqualified from the show entirely. Multiple-breed eligible animals entered and shown in Open Show and Junior Show are not required to show as the same breed in each show.
7. **Changing Entries.** Each animal, registered or commercial, must be shown in the division in which it is entered. If, at the time of check-in, an animal's identification (i.e. tattoo, brand, etc.) does not correspond with its registration certificate, the animal is disqualified from this division. Once disqualified, the animal may not be re-tattooed.

If entry into an alternate division is desired, a late fee will be charged, and the animal will be subject to check-in for that division.

8. **Substitutions.** With prior to arrival on grounds approval, substitutions **within classes and with identical ownership** will be permitted. **No other substitutions** will be allowed. Exhibitors in shows without any defined classes may only substitute an animal of the same sex, with identical ownership, and with a birth date within 45 days of the animal it is replacing.
9. **Assignment of Stalls.** **Stalls will be assigned ONLY to animals that arrive at show.** No refunds will be granted for animals who are entered but do not arrive at the show. Stalling assignments will be given on a first-come, first-serve basis as exhibitors check in when arriving on the grounds. **New this year! Stalling sponsorships are available to guarantee your spot in the barn. See the Sponsorship flyer for all the details.**
10. **To be respectful of Junior Show, all Open Show only cattle need to be out of the barns by 7:00 p.m. Friday. Open show cattle in the Supreme Drive need to be out of the barns by 11:59 p.m. Friday. Cattle can remain in tie outs or at trailers.**
11. **Cattle Check-In.** Check-in will take place immediately when arriving on the grounds while cattle are on trailers. To keep the process running smooth and efficient please have your registration papers, health papers and entry confirmation (emailed to you once you have completed on-line entry) with you and available. Anyone that does not have the above information with them will NOT be able to proceed to unload. Exhibitors are responsible for knowing any other specific information requested at check-in. More specifically, each exhibitor is responsible for being present at check-in. If the exhibitor or a designated representative is not present, the superintendent may refuse to allow the exhibitor's cattle to participate in the show.

All official registration papers must be present at check-in. Telegrams, phone calls, and other communications from breed associations certifying application for registration will not be accepted. **No photocopies or faxes of animal registration forms will be accepted.** The original registration or a breed association issued duplicate of the registration will be accepted. Please note that Angus check-in and rules for registrations will follow guidelines established for the American Angus Association as outlined in its premium participation statement.

12. **Health requirements.** Please see the World Beef Expo page for a link to the Department of Agricultural, Trade, Consumer, Protection (DATCP) health rules and Regulations website for import requirements. Health papers must be presented at the gate before entry into the grounds. Health paper must list the exhibitor's name not just the farm or breeders name. If there are multiple exhibitors on one health paper, please be sure to list each name. This helps us match the health papers to the exhibitors for inspections after the show.
13. **Tattoos.** Tattoos on all registered cattle will be checked in accordance with the breed's national association exhibition rules during check in. World Beef Expo reserves the right to check any animals tattoo at anytime. In the case a tattoo does not meet national association regulations, the animal will not be allowed exhibition.
14. **Entry/Exhibitor Numbers.** Entry numbers will be provided to all exhibitors at check in. The exhibitor must display this number on his/her back when the animal is in the show ring.
15. **Classes.** World Beef Expo show management reserves the right to split or combine classes as they find appropriate.
16. **Regional & National Shows**
Most of our breed shows are regional or national points shows. To qualify for points, you must follow all breed association rules. This information can be found on our website.
17. **Breed Show Requirements.** **Each Open show breed with TEN or more entries will** show individually and recognize their own champions. **All regional or national breed shows qualify for their own show regardless of number of entries.** Any other breed with fewer than ten entries will show on Thursday in Any Other Breed (AOB). The AOB champion in each division – heifer, bull, and cow/calf – will then qualify for the Supreme Champion Drive.

Breeds with separate low-percentage divisions are considered to have two separate shows, each of which is subject to the aforementioned rules and requirements.

World Beef Expo reserves the right to limit or remove the class breakdowns in shows with fewer than ten checked-in entries. In this scenario, all heifers would show in one class, all bulls in another and all cow/calf pairs in another. The resulting class winners would be named the breed's champions and would be eligible for AOB champion (*Note: This rule applies only to Open Show*).

18. **Supreme Champion Drive.** **Each Open show breed with TEN or more entries has the opportunity to** present its Grand Champion Heifer, Grand Champion Bull, and Grand Champion Cow/Calf to compete for the title of Supreme Champion in the Supreme Drive on Friday evening. The Supreme Champion Heifer, Bull, and Cow/Calf Pair will each be awarded a

\$2,000 premium. **All national or regional shows qualify for the Supreme Drive regardless of number of entries.**

To recognize animals that were in the consideration for Supreme Champion the judges will select a top five in each of the supreme drives, from the grand champions of each breed.

Any animal entered in the Supreme Champion Drive must be fitted in accord with the Code of Ethics, as described in Rule 18. The use of false tail heads is prohibited. The addition of hair or any similar substance to any part of the animal's body is prohibited. Dyeing or artificially changing the color of the animal is prohibited, though coloring agents may be used on the legs and tail switches. No powder of any kind or color may be used on any part of the animal. Failure to comply with these standards will result in disqualification (*Note: This rule applies only to the Open Show*).

19. **Code of Ethics.** To maintain a high degree of confidence in the World Beef Expo show, show management reserves the right to disqualify any animals that have been fitted in an unethical fashion. Unethical fitting shall include, but is not limited to: any injection of gas, solid, or liquid under the skin or into the body (i.e. "pumping"); any cutting or tearing of the hide or removal of tissue beneath the hide in effort to alter the shape of the individual; attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development; dyeing or coloring which alters natural coloration; and efforts to change the degree of firmness of the animal.

In such cases where unethical fitting, fraud, or misrepresentation appears to have been attempted and the attempt is protested, World Beef Expo may appoint a veterinarian, official, or committee to inspect the entry. World Beef Expo will follow a course of action based upon the findings and conclusions of the examining individual or committee, and penalty may include forfeiture of all premiums and a one-year prohibition from World Beef Expo. By submitting and/or signing an application for entry, participants agree to comply with all rules and regulations governing World Beef Expo, including those displayed on the official website.

20. **Drugs.** No drugs may be administered to an animal while on the World Beef Expo grounds unless under the supervision of a veterinarian. Such treatment must be acknowledged to show management.
21. **Tie-outs.** Tie-outs are limited to the designated area only. **World Beef Expo will not be providing a central pre-constructed tie-out area.** Cattle will need to be tied to the exhibitor's trailer or to personal gates in the tie-out area. Exhibitors are responsible for their own bedding in the tie-out area. Cattle will be allowed to leave the barns for tie-outs at 5:00 p.m. and must be returned to the barns by 8:00 a.m. daily. Any exhibitor failing to abide by these rules may be disqualified and all premiums withheld at the discretion of World Beef Expo management. All animals are required to be double-tied while at tie-outs.
22. **Cattle Washing.** Cattle can only be washed in one of the designated wash racks. These are drained to sanitary sewers to comply with health requirements.
23. **Appearance of Exhibits/Exhibitors.** Stalls, pens, and exhibition places must be cleaned before 8:00 a.m. each day, and all refuse matter must be disposed of properly. All animal waste must be deposited in the appropriate structures located at each barn. All stalls must be kept neat and in good condition at all times. Loud or inappropriate music in the barns will not be tolerated. Management reserves the right to withhold premium money or awards from exhibitors who do not comply with this expectation. Exhibitors are encouraged to be neatly dressed while exhibiting their animals in the show ring.
24. **Show times.** You are responsible for getting your animal to the show ring at the appropriate time. The most up to date information is online. We post classes outside the entry office as a courtesy but changes quickly make the information outdated so do not rely solely on it for timing. No refunds will be issued if you miss your show time.
25. **Care and Exhibition of Animals.** Exhibitors are responsible for the delivery of their animals to the appropriate area by the designated time. Exhibitors are required to attend to their animals, including proper dietary procedures, and to have them presented to the judge(s) when called. Exhibitors are responsible for following the progression of the show and presenting their animals in the show ring in the appropriate class(es). No refunds will be granted for missing a class.
26. **Nose Rings.** All bulls 12 months of age and older must have a nose ring/nose lead when out of the stall.
27. **Grooming Chutes.** World Beef Expo will allow two chutes per exhibitor. They must be kept with the exhibitor's cattle and cannot be placed in aisles, clean-out alleys, fire lanes, or wash rack areas. If space is limited in the stalling area, exhibitors may be required to set up grooming chutes outside the building in an assigned area. Grooming chutes may be in the aisle when in use, provided there is a walkway through the area.

28. **Generators.** Generators are allowed for cattle exhibitors only. Fire code regulations require that generators cannot be allowed inside the barns, whether in use or not. Generators must be kept out of wash rack areas and fire lanes.
29. **Parking** All vehicles, trucks, and trailers must be parked in the designated areas. No parking areas will be posted, and violators will be subject to ticketing and towing at the owner's expense. **NO PARKING AROUND THE BARNs!**
30. **Fire Code Regulations.** Please comply with all signs and posted safety regulations. Due diligence must be exercised to prevent fire, accidents, or other damage. This includes keeping fire lanes around each barn, **no smoking** in any building, using no combustibles in display materials, and proper restraint of animals.

Heavy-duty 3-wire electrical cords must be used and under no circumstances can electrical cords touch straw, hay, metal beams, or rafters. All fans must be UL approved. **Only overhead fans may be used in the barns.** Fire regulations are designed for the protection and safety of the exhibitor, exhibits, the public, and the grounds.

World Beef Expo has implemented a policy to prevent electrical and safety problems by worn, ungrounded, and/or unapproved equipment. All equipment that does not conform to the manufacturer's specifications for safety and usage will be disconnected. Exhibitors with faulty/unapproved equipment will be warned, and if proper corrective action is not taken, the electrical cord will be cut to prevent further use while at World Beef Expo.

31. **Conduct of Exhibitors.** If an exhibitor, in any way – whether in person or through an agent or employee – interferes with a judge during his/her adjudication, or shows any disrespect to a judge or the show, World Beef Expo management may exclude such exhibitor from competition and may also withhold any premiums which may have been won.
32. **Judges Decision.** The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases, except where mistakes, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, not discovered at the time of the award, is proven. In such cases, management or an appointed referee may decide – or, at his/her discretion, the case may be appealed to the Executive Committee, from whose decision there is no appeal.
33. **Protests.** Individuals must submit a written protest and accompany it with \$500 in cash or check (payable to World Beef Expo), which will be forfeited to World Beef Expo if the protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of the complaint and must be delivered to the Executive Director immediately after the occasion of the protested event. Protests may be submitted prior to judging or immediately after the conclusion of class judging. Once an animal is eligible for Supreme Champion, Junior Prospect or Market Steer Champion, or Supreme Champion Junior Female, a protest will **NOT** be accepted.

Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation; and, depending upon the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until a thorough investigation is complete. No complaint or appeal that a judge has overlooked an animal will be considered as a basis for a complaint.

34. **Judges Selection Committee.** Nomination of judges for World Beef Expo is open to anyone. Nominations must be made on the proper form, which must be filled out completely and accurately. All nominations are sent to a Judges Selection Committee, which consists of no fewer than three non-exhibiting members. This committee is responsible for the selection of all World Beef Expo judges.

All judge nominations must be submitted by January 1 of the year of the show. Nominations can be made by email or letter to World Beef Expo.

35. **Judging Contest.** It is mandatory that all exhibitors cooperate with judging contest officials in providing animals for use in the judging contest. If the contest selection committee or representatives of World Beef Expo select an exhibitor's animal for the judging contest, the exhibitor must allow the animal to be part of the contest.
36. **Loss of or Damage to Property.** While the show management has created structures to provide a safe environment for exhibits, exhibitors, and the public, it does not accept responsibility for any loss of or damage to personal property which may be present on the show grounds. All exhibitors are encouraged to exercise appropriate care and diligence in the storage and placement of personal property.
37. **Animal and Pedestrian Safety.** The use of scooters, skateboards, bicycles, and similar items are prohibited in the barns and on the sidewalks and roads which provide access to the barns, coliseum, and buildings in use during World Beef Expo. World Beef Expo management reserves the right to order such items removed from the grounds.

38. **Dogs. ALL DOGS** – except for on-duty service dogs – ARE PROHIBITED in the barns, show rings, and buildings.

39. Junior Show

At gate check in, you must present original registration papers if applicable. Health papers must list exhibitor's name. If more than one exhibitor's animals are on a health paper, make sure each exhibitor is listed on the paper. See page 1 for important arrival information and schedules.

World Beef Expo will again host **TWO** market animal shows. One for registered breed steers and one for crossbred steers and market heifers.

BREED STEER SHOW

In order to qualify as a breed, there must be at least three head arrive at the show. All breeds with less than three head will show in AOB. All steers will weigh in and show by weight. Please check the schedule for weigh-in times. There will be a top 5 selection with payouts from the Breed Steer Show. Breed champions and reserve breed champions from each division will be eligible for Top 5 overall.

CROSSBRED STEER/MARKET HEIFER SHOW

All animals will weigh in and show by weight. Please check the schedule for weigh-in times. There will be a Top 5 selection with payouts from the Crossbred Steer/Market Heifer show. The 1st and 2nd place winners from each class will be eligible for Top 5 overall.

Prospect steer & heifer show Prospects will be shown by weight. Please check schedule for weigh in times. Prospects are calved on or after January 1 of the current year. There will be no breed divisions for the prospect steer & heifer show. Top 5 will be selected from top two class winners.

Heifer Show: All breeds must have 5 head to have a show. A high percentage and low percentage AOB class will be offered. Commercial heifers will be shown by weight. Please check schedule for weigh in times. No cow calf pairs in the Junior Show. At the conclusion of the junior heifer show all champion and reserve champion heifers from each breed will have the opportunity to compete for top 5 heifers with payouts!

Junior Ownership: Ownership by a junior exhibitor **is required** and is established when an animal is recorded and certified on the registration certificate in the name of the junior exhibitor only, or with the junior exhibitor as a co-owner, and with the junior exhibitor's first and last name appearing on the certificate. **We will be enforcing this rule and animal will be disqualified if registration is not in the junior's name.**

NOTE: All Simmental and Percentage Simmental entries (including calves born in 2025) require an American Simmental Association registration paper with the exhibitor's name – or an account for which the junior is an authorized Representative – on the paper.

All animals entered in the Junior Show must be shown by the exhibitor of record, except in a case of an exhibitor injury, severe illness, or prior written application to a Junior Show Superintendent. Only another World Beef Expo junior exhibitor will be allowed to substitute for the exhibitor of record. Written approval from the Junior Show Superintendent must be obtained before the substitute may enter the show ring. No exceptions will be made. Any animal shown in violation of this rule will be disqualified, and no premiums will be awarded. The exhibitor of record and/or the unauthorized substitute may be subject to additional sanctions from show management.

Logos & Advertising: Junior Show exhibitors are not allowed to have firm or farm identification on clothing worn or carried into the show ring. Failure to comply with this expectation may result in the exhibitor being barred from the show ring until compliance is demonstrated.

Angus Exhibitors: Junior Angus exhibitors are required to read and abide by the American Angus Association's Junior Angus Heifer Show Participation Statement.

Interpretation and Enforcement: Show management has the right to interpret and enforce the rules and regulations, as well as to accept or reject any entry entirely, partially, or conditionally. The decisions of Junior Show management are final. Questions for junior eligibility, animal ownership, and animal eligibility for Junior Show will be decided by Junior Show management according to the full body of rules for World Beef Expo as published on the official website. This authority

includes, but is not limited to, the enforcement and interpretation of rules regarding fitting, maintaining show standards, and ethics of conduct.

Junior Showmanship Contest: is open to all juniors ages 8 through 21 years old as of January 1. Youth will preregister for Showmanship. The fee is \$10. A late fee will be added after September 2. Youth will show by their age and the Top 3 Youth from each age division will be selected. No fitting is required for the showmanship contest. There will be 4 rings and youth are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the showmanship ring schedule and process (posted at the show).

Release of Animals

All animals are released when they are done showing **EXCEPT any breed champion that will be participating in the Supreme Drive.**

Exhibitors are expected to appropriately dispose of trash and animal waste in their stalling area and surrounding aisles before leaving the barn. Please be courteous to other exhibitors who are showing, fitting or preparing their animals for exhibit.

PLEASE appropriately dispose of trash in trailer /tie out area.

All feed, bedding, and veterinary bills must be settled before any animal is released. Bills may be paid in the entry office during posted office hours.

PLEASE CONTACT WORLD BEEF EXPO WITH ANY QUESTIONS!

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