



OPEN CLASS BEEF ENTRY BOOK

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ENTRIES CLOSE AUGUST 10th, 2026, AT 11:59 P.M.

LATE ENTRIES FOR DOUBLE THE ENTRY FEE UNTIL AUGUST 15th, 2026, AT 11:59 P.M.

1. Entries

- a. All Nebraska State Fair Livestock Entries are online at <https://www.statefair.org/competitions/livestock-exhibitors>
- b. **Entry Fees**
 - i. \$50 per head for each division entered – Includes first bedding.
 - ii. \$50 for additional stall spaces (limited to 3 per exhibitor)
 - iii. Designated livestock exhibitor parking areas will require a parking pass to be purchased. This parking pass can be purchased when completing online entries or at the livestock check-in trailer.
- c. **JUNIORS** – Please be sure to enter the Open Class Junior Breeding Heifer Show. **This is a separate entry from the Open Class Show.**
- d. All entries must meet health requirements (see Health Regulations and Health Requirements for Animals Exhibited at the 2026 Nebraska State Fair).
- e. Entries for pair/group classes must be made by the entry deadline.
- f. No late entries will be accepted after August 15th, 2026, no exception.
- g. Substitutions within the same age, same class and same owner will be accepted at check-in. Only one substitution for the original animal will be allowed. There will be no substitutions allowed for different age classifications or owners. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

2. Special Rules

- a. General Rules and Regulations and Health Requirements apply to this division as well as those rules listed below and in specific breed sections. Please refer to these sections. By submitting entry to the Nebraska State Fair exhibitor agrees to abide by these rules.
- b. **Additional Health Regulations/Certificate of Veterinary Inspection**
 - i. **A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection MUST accompany all OUT OF STATE animals entered.**
 - ii. **Nebraska origin animals do NOT require a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.**
 - iii. Only animals showing NO signs of infectious or contagious diseases, such as ringworm or abscesses, will be allowed to show.
- c. Unless otherwise specified, to be eligible for competition, animals must be bona fide property of and owned by the exhibitor at least 30 days prior to the opening of the Nebraska State Fair. Animals owned in partnership may be entered in all classes, to which they are eligible, in one partner's name but must be shown under the same name in each class.

- d. **All open class beef animals must arrive by the designated entry arrival period. Show management reserves the right to hold premiums from exhibitors who don't abide by this rule.**
- e. **All open class beef animals must be out of the barns by 10 pm on Thursday, September 3rd. Show management reserves the right to hold premiums from exhibitors who don't abide by this rule.**
- f. Supreme Drive
 - i. Female Breed Champions will compete in the Supreme Female Drive.
 - ii. Cow/Calf Breed Champions will compete in the Supreme Cow/Calf Drive.
Cow/calf pairs do not compete for overall champion female.
 - iii. Bull Breed Champions will compete in the Supreme Bull Drive.
- g. **Whether a particular breed show allows fitting or not is at the discretion of the breed representative and not the Open Class Beef Superintendent or the Nebraska State Fair. Any questions on what products are or are not allowed for a specific breed must be directed to that specific breed representative.**
- h. **No aerosol cans or pressurized cans of any sort are allowed inside the Five Points Bank Arena under any circumstance! Anyone using them will be excused from the Arena & sent back to the barn.**
 - i. No smoking or vaping is allowed in any barn or building.
 - j. Animals being entered and exhibited as purebred must be recorded in the recognized herd book of their respective breed, and exhibitors must produce certificates of registry at the request of the Superintendent.
 - k. Those with fewer than 20 head shown will be placed on probation the next year. If fewer than 20 head shown while on probation, they will be removed as a breed show the following year.
 - l. All Open Class Breeding Cattle must be checked in by the representative from each breed or for All Other Breeds with the Beef Cattle Secretary.
 - m. Stalling assignments will be made by the Superintendent. In the case of a shortage the Superintendent will have the right to reassign stalls, tack areas, etc. **Requests for individuals to be stalled together or next to will be considered but NOT guaranteed.** When entering, please indicate stalling requests.
 - n. All animals occupying stalls must be entered for competition and judged.
 - o. Cattle can only be washed in the designated wash racks.
 - p. No dumping of manure or trash on either side of the barn except in designated dumpsters. All manure must be placed in wheelbarrows or manure carts. **NO MANURE IN TRASH CANS, NO TRASH IN MANURE DUMPSTERS OR WHEELBARROWS, PLEASE!** All non-manure trash needs to be placed into trash dumpsters.
 - q. Only overhead fans located in the front half of the stalling area will be allowed. **NO BUTT FANS!** Only 1 fan per animal will be allowed.
 - r. All bulls born prior to 2026 must be shown with a nose lead.
 - s. All cattle, both in barns and tie-outs, must have neck ropes in addition to halters.
 - t. Due to requirements of the liability insurance carrier and policy of all major livestock shows, **NO dogs are allowed on the Nebraska State Fairgrounds, in parking lots or in buildings other than those for direct competition, or Service animals.** All dogs must be on a leash. There shall be no loose or unattended dogs on the fairgrounds. No dogs will be permitted in the animal barns, in tie-outs or on the Midway, except during authorized events and sanctioned dog shows. Dogs entered in the Nebraska State Fair special performances or

competitive events will be allowed on the grounds or in buildings during performance or competition events only.

- u. **BY ORDER OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL:** Any and all lighting used by exhibitors must be securely fastened. The electrical boxes **MUST** be kept clear at all times. Also, the aisles must be maintained at all times in the Cattle Barn. Yellow lines have been painted on the floor designating those boundaries. ALL show equipment, blocking chutes, chairs, etc. **MUST** be kept within these boundaries at all times. In addition, any use of refrigerators, freezers, microwave ovens and electric cookers is strictly prohibited.
- v. Those exhibitors staying from 4-H and over to FFA shows must be willing to move to allotted stalls for the Open Class Show. If you would like to keep your same stalls, you must enter and/or purchase the same amount of stalls for ALL the shows you are entered in. And clearly explain your request upon entering online.

SHOW SCHEDULE

Wednesday, September 2nd – Starting at 9 a.m.

Ring 1 – Red Angus, Angus, Charolais

Ring 2 – American Highland, Gelbvieh/Balancer, Miniature Hereford

Thursday, September 3rd – Starting at 9 a.m.

Ring 1 – Shorthorn, Hereford, Maine-Anjou/Mainetainer, Dexter

Ring 2 – Other Purebreds, Other Composite Breeds, Simmental, Piedmontese

Supreme Champion Beef Cattle Drive – 5 p.m.

PREMIUMS

All premiums will be paid directly from the Nebraska State Fair. Exhibitors receiving \$600 or more in premiums will be required to complete a W-9 before receiving payment. Premium schedule is a sliding scale based on number of animals shown in a class.

CLASS PREMIUMS									
	PLACING								
# Shown	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	\$55								
2-4	\$70	\$55	\$35	\$28					
5-9	\$90	\$75	\$60	\$48	\$40	\$35	\$27		
10 or more	\$105	\$90	\$70	\$55	\$52	\$47	\$42	\$35	\$28

GROUP CLASS PREMIUMS					
	PLACING				
# Shown	1	2	3	4	5
1-3	\$96	\$80	\$64		
4 or more	\$130	\$110	\$100	\$85	\$70

**\$12,000 ADDED MONEY FOR SUPREME OPEN
CLASS FEMALES & BULLS**

**\$75 FOR BREED GRANDS & \$50 FOR BREED
RESERVE GRANDS**

**NEW! ADDED MONEY FOR CHAMPION COW
CALF**

**\$1000 FOR CHAMPION COW/CALF PAIR AND
\$750 RESERVE COW/CALF PAIR
\$500 3RD OVERALL COW/CALF PAIR**

