

2018 State Fair of Virginia Junior Beef Cattle Show

Entries Due August 15

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2018 Official Schedule See Master Schedule for items pertaining to Beef schedule

Youth Beef Show Rules:

The State Fair General Rules, the Livestock Rules and the Show Ring Code of Ethics apply to this department. By submitting an entry, you agree to read and abide by these rules.

1. See General Livestock Rules for information pertaining to health regulations. The National Show Ring Code of Ethics shall govern the State Fair of Virginia as found in the General Livestock Rules. The State Fair of Virginia reserves the right to test any entry for violative drug residues as described in the National Show Ring Code of Ethics.
2. **Participants must enter the FairEntry system through the Youth Livestock web site. For State Fair entry system go to www.ext.vt.edu/youthlivestock under 'Shows' and then 'State fair' prior to August 15th. Entries must be made online, printed, signed (FFA Only) and mailed by August 15.**
3. The State Fair of Virginia Junior Beef Show is open to all Virginia 4-H and Virginia FFA youth which are in good standing with their respective organizations and meet the entry requirements of each species division. Exhibitors must be at least 9 years of age by September 30 of the current year (exception for 8 & under sheep/goat costume class) and must not have had their 19th birthday before January 1 of current year. Exhibitor eligibility and entries must be verified through the 4-HOnline system or signature of an FFA advisor on the entry form.
4. Each beef entry must be owned and entered in a single name. Joint or farm registrations will not be permitted for youth registered cattle.
5. Cattle, which have participated in any sale or premium auction associated with another fair or livestock show after the State Fair of Virginia ownership deadline, are ineligible for exhibition. This rule applies even if there was not a change in ownership (i.e. cattle are ineligible even if they are "bought back" or "no-saled").
6. Exhibitors must show their own entries unless the exhibitor has more than one animal in the same class, or permission is given by the show superintendent. Substitute show persons must be eligible 4-H or FFA member with youth beef entries.
7. All youth beef, sheep, goat and swine entries are subject to on-farm inspections to verify entry information. All exhibitors agree to accommodate such inspections.
8. All animal are subject to be used for educational purposes (skillathon contest, judging classes, etc.) upon request by show staff/superintendents. Upon entry, exhibitors agree to providing animals for these purposes upon request.
9. All cattle must remain in the designated stalling area and immediate area around the barns upon arrival until released from the State Fair. Except during designated tie-out times, cattle are not allowed to be taken to trailers or other areas away from the cattle barns at any time.
10. No butt fans will be allowed in the barn or near entrance ways. Please remember all fans must be suspended above the stalls in the barns.

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11. Cattle should be handled by the junior exhibitor during the weighing and grading periods and when exhibited in the show ring. Management reserves the right to eliminate any animal from competition that is not manageable and safe for public exhibition.
12. Exhibitors are expected to care for their animals in an acceptable manner and adhere to quality assurance guidelines.

Fitting

The State Fair of Virginia reserves the right to disqualify any animal that has been fitted in an unethical manner. Unethical fitting shall include (but not limited) the following:

- a. Use of paints, paint products and colored adhesives or other fitting products are subject to breed association rules.
- b. the addition of any hair or hair like substances, including false tail heads and false polls
- c. the cutting, tearing or gluing of the hide or underneath the hide or removal of tissue in an attempt to alter the shape of the animal
- d. the injection of any gas, solid or liquid under the hide to alter the normal conformation
- e. any product/solutions/liquids administered internally or externally to alter the conformation of the animal is prohibited. This includes the use of steroids, illegal or unapproved growth promotants, and the act of artificially filling animals internally, which would include stomach pumping, drench tubes, or any other method
- f. Aerosol cans used for grooming are not permitted in show ring or make-up areas

EXCEPTIONS: In the case of severely sick or severely dehydrated animals, the exhibitor may have fluids or electrolytes administered by the licensed official show veterinarian with the approval of the show superintendent. This exception is not applicable on show day or weigh-in/check-in day.

Showmanship

1. Only exhibitors entered in the Junior Beef Division are eligible for showmanship classes.
2. Showmanship competition for market steer, feeder steer, crossbred heifer and registered breeding heifer exhibitors will be combined. There will not be separate showmanship divisions for market steer/feeder steer, crossbred heifer exhibitors and registered breeding heifer exhibitors.
3. Showmanship classes will be divided by age as follows:
 - a. Novice Division- for exhibitors showing for the first time at the State Fair, and who are 12 years of age or younger on September 30 of current year
 - b. Junior Division- exhibitors 12 years of age and younger on September 30 of current year
 - c. Intermediate Division- exhibitors 13 to 15 years of age on September 30 of current year
 - d. Senior Division- exhibitors 16 years of age and older on September 30 of current year
4. Classes with a large number of participants may be divided into smaller preliminary classes.
5. Exhibitors must show their own animal in showmanship. The animal must be entered in the junior beef show. Exhibitor's cattle that are eliminated from the show due to weight requirements may be used in showmanship.
6. Participation in showmanship is required to be eligible to receive Scholarships through the Beef Premier Exhibitor Program.
7. All exhibitors entering cattle in the Youth Beef Show may participate in Showmanship. Please indicate your intention to participate on the entry form. Scratches must be made before noon on Friday afternoon.
8. Classes will be judged on showmanship only. Animals must be clean, dry, and unfitted. No artificial substances may be applied to the hair.

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Premiums for Placings in the Showmanship Division Finals

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
\$50	\$40	\$35	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$14	\$13	\$12	\$11

Market Beef Show

To be eligible for exhibition, all Market Beef entries must have been nominated and tagged at an official STATE FAIR OF VIRGINIA nomination site. Nominations will be taken at several sites around the state. The nomination schedule will be made available through various web postings and mailings. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to properly nominate his or her cattle at one of the locations. At the time of nomination the cattle will be individually identified with an official ear tag. Only cattle that have been nominated and properly identified will be eligible to show in the Market Beef competition at the State Fair of Virginia. Exhibitors may nominate as many cattle as they choose. Each exhibitor may nominate cattle at only **one** location in a single exhibitor's name ONLY.

Market heifers and market steers will be included in the Market Beef Show. Heifers and steers will be shown in separate classes. The champion steer and heifer will be selected and will then compete for the Grand Champion Market Beef animal of the show.

Market Beef Rules

1. Market steers and heifers must have been born between January 1 - August 31, 2017, and **must weigh at least 1001 pounds at check-in.**
2. Market steers and heifers must be owned, separated, and cared for by the exhibitor on or before the date of nomination and continuously thereafter. Cattle which have participated in any sale or premium auction associated with another fair or livestock show after the State Fair of Virginia ownership deadline are ineligible for exhibition at the State Fair of Virginia. This rule applies even if there was not a change in ownership (i.e. market steers are ineligible even if they are "bought back").
3. Exhibitors may enter a maximum of 3 market steers and/or heifers.
4. The market beef show will be terminal for the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand champion market beef. Both of these market animals must participate in the carcass contest. Exhibitors of these cattle qualify for the Scholarship Program (see Scholarship documents for specific policies, regulations, and details). The show is also terminal for Class Winners participating in the Scholarship Program. Participation in the scholarship program for class winners is optional.
6. Market animals that are sold will remain the responsibility of the exhibitor until they are loaded on the buyer's truck. Exhibitors must make arrangements for loading their animals at the prescribed time. Award money will be forfeited if you are not in compliance with this regulation.
7. Any animal which proves to be misrepresented or falsely classed will be rejected and the right of the exhibitor to further participate in the state youth beef show will be denied.

Live Market Beef Show

1. Market steers and heifers will be assigned to classes by weight within sex.
2. Fitting of market beef is allowed, but it must be done in an ethical manner following the guidelines set forth in the general livestock rules.
3. All exhibitors have the option of selling their animal. All animals sold will automatically enter the Carcass Show.

Premiums for Placings in the Live Market Beef Division

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
\$75	\$65	\$55	\$45	\$35	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$12	\$10
Live Show Grand Champion – Market Beef							\$250, banner, scholarship		
Live Show Reserve Grand Champion – Market Beef							\$150, banner, scholarship		

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Carcass Show

1. Market animals that are exhibited in the Live Show may be entered in the Contest.
2. Animals entered in the Carcass Contest will be sold to a packer by a competitive conference call. The price will be determined by the purchase price of carcass beef with allowances for carcass yield and quality grade differentials.
3. Carcasses will be together in one class. Equal premiums will be awarded for carcasses with similar characteristics. Less desirable carcass categories will be awarded lower premiums (Danish System).
4. Carcasses will be ranked based on the Beef Empire Days Carcass Index System with the modification for greater point deductions for 12th rib backfat over 0.80 inches. Details about the Beef Empire Days Carcass Index System are located at: <http://beefempiredays.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Carcass-Index.pdf>.

To recognize those cattle that meet current industry standards for size, muscling, trimness, and quality, Virginia Cattle Feeders Association is providing a \$500 sponsorship. Exhibitors of qualifying carcasses will receive equal premiums of up to \$150. Carcass specifications are:

1. Fat thickness maximum of .50 inch.
2. Hot carcass weight 625-900 pounds.
3. Ribeye area 12.0 to 16.0 square inches.
4. Yield grade of less than 3.0.
5. Quality grade of at least Choice minus.

Premiums for Placings in the Carcass & Overall Market Beef Division

Carcass Show Grand Champion – Market Beef	\$250
Carcass Show Reserve Grand Champion – Market Beef	\$150
Carcass Show premium total equivalent to \$50 per head	

The overall awards are determined using a combination of live placing and carcass results

Overall Grand Champion – Market Beef	\$500, banner, scholarship
Overall Reserve Grand Champion – Market Beef	\$400, banner scholarship
Overall 2nd Runner-up – Market Beef	\$250
Overall 3rd Runner-up – Market Beef	\$200
Overall 4th Runner-up – Market Beef	\$150

Prospect Division Rules

Prospect market steers and prospect heifers (either breeding heifers or market heifers) will be included in the Prospect Cattle Division. Heifers and steers will be shown in separate classes. The champion steer and heifer will be selected separately.

1. Classes:
 - a. **Prospect Steers** – This class is open to prospect market steers intended for junior market steer shows in the spring, summer and fall of 2019. Steers should be born after September 1, 2017.
 - b. **Prospect Heifers** – This class is open to both prospect breeding heifers and prospect market (feeder) heifers intended to be shown in junior shows in the spring, summer and fall of 2019. Heifers should be born after January 1, 2018. Both breeding and market heifers will be shown together.
2. **Cattle cannot weigh more than 1000 pounds.**
3. Each exhibitor may enter a maximum of two prospect steers and/or heifers (two total steers and heifers- two steers, two heifers, or one of each maximum).
4. All cattle must be owned by the exhibitor and under exhibitor's care.
5. Straightbred or crossbred cattle of any beef breed are eligible.
6. All steers must be weaned and healed from castration.

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- Classes will be made up after entries are received. Cattle will be assigned to classes by weight. Numbers within each class will be as nearly equal as possible.
- Fitting of prospect cattle is allowed, but it must be done in an ethical manner following the guidelines set forth in the fitting rules.

PREMIUMS FOR PROSPECT STEERS/HEIFERS									
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
\$45	\$35	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6

Youth Breeding Cattle Rules

- Heifers must be personally managed by the owner from the time of purchase.
- Entries are limited to six (6) animals per exhibitor with a maximum of four heifers purchased by the exhibitor.
- A section is being offered for "Other Registered Breeding Cattle" which is for registered cattle of a breed other than the breed shows listed. The cattle must be registered with a national breed registry to show in this section.
- A minimum of 9 heifers is required to hold a breed show. If a breed does not meet the minimum requirement, those heifers will show in the section for "Other Registered Breeding Cattle."
- If a class only has one head in it, then that animal will receive a second place premium. No first place premiums will be paid for single-entry classes.
- All cattle must be owned and registered in the name of the exhibitor by **AUGUST 15, 2018**. A letter or official pending paper work from the national breed association stating that paper work was received in advance of these dates will fulfill these requirements. Registration papers must be available for inspection at the fair.
- Joint/farm registrations are not permitted.**
- All calves entered in the Bred & Owned Cow/Calf classes **must be** registered in the exhibitor's name by **AUGUST 15, 2018**, in order to be eligible to show in this class. Registration information **will be** required at entry.
- Fitting of breeding heifers is allowed. Fitting must be done in an ethical manner following the guidelines set forth in the general livestock rules.
- A bred and owned class will be offered for all registered breeds, with the exception of Angus, as they have a separate Bred & Owned division. Each exhibitor may choose one (1) bred and owned heifer to bring back into the ring for exhibition.
 - Exhibitors in the bred-and-owned class must be the breeder and the first and continuous owner of the animal entered. "Breeder" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time of service. "First Owner" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time the calf is born. "Continuous Owner" is defined as the recorded owner of the animal without history of transfer.
- Grand and Reserve Grand Champion breed selections will be made from the Cow/Calf class winner, as well as all division and reserve division winners.
- All Grand and Reserve Champion females (Registered and Crossbred) must show to compete for Supreme Champion Female awards.**

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BREED— ANGUS

Class

101. Bred and Owned Cow/Calf – Calf born after March 1, 2018. Calf must be Bred and Owned by exhibitor **AND** registered in the exhibitor's name by AUGUST 15, 2018.
102. Calved March 1 - April 30, 2018
103. Calved January 1 – February 28, 2018
104. Calved November 1 – December 31, 2017
105. Calved September 1 – October 31, 2017
106. Calved July 1 – August 31, 2017
107. Calved May 1 – June 30, 2017
108. Calved March 1 – April 30, 2017
109. Calved January 1 – February 28, 2017
110. Calved November 1 – December 31, 2016
111. Calved September 1 – October 31, 2016

Bred-and-Owned Angus Heifer Classes– Bred and owned heifers will be shown separately from the owned heifers using the class breaks above. Bred and owned status will be confirmed by the Youth Breed Advisors.

BREED— HEREFORD

Class:

201. Bred and Owned Cow/Calf – Calf born after March 1, 2018. Calf must be Bred and Owned by exhibitor **AND** registered in the exhibitor's name by AUGUST 15, 2018.
202. Calved March 1 - April 30, 2018
203. Calved January 1 – February 28, 2018
204. Calved November 1 – December 31, 2017
205. Calved September 1 – October 31, 2017
206. Calved July 1 – August 31, 2017
207. Calved May 1 – June 30, 2017
208. Calved March 1 – April 30, 2017
209. Calved January 1 – February 28, 2017
210. Calved November 1 – December 31, 2016
211. Calved September 1 – October 31, 2016
212. Bred and Owned Heifers (Exhibitor may choose one (1) bred & owned heifer to compete in this class)

BREED — RED ANGUS

All animals must be registered with the American Red Angus Association and must be Fullblood or Purebred (7/8 Red Angus or greater). Bred and Owned classes will be formed (by age) after entries are received.

Class:

301. Bred and Owned Cow/Calf – Calf born after March 1, 2018. Calf must be Bred and Owned by exhibitor **AND** registered in the exhibitor's name by AUGUST 15, 2018.
302. Calved March 1 - April 30, 2018
303. Calved January 1 – February 28, 2018
304. Calved November 1 – December 31, 2017
305. Calved September 1 – October 31, 2017
306. Calved July 1 – August 31, 2017
307. Calved May 1 – June 30, 2017
308. Calved March 1 – April 30, 2017
309. Calved January 1 – February 28, 2017
310. Calved November 1 – December 31, 2016
311. Calved September 1 – October 31, 2016
312. Bred and Owned Heifers (Exhibitor may choose one (1) bred & owned heifer to compete in this class)

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BREED—SHORTHORN/SHORTHORN PLUS

ShorthornPlus heifers will be shown separately from the purebred Shorthorn heifers using the class breaks below. Minimum breed show rules apply to both Shorthorn and ShorthornPlus heifers. Appendix cattle have green registration papers, and are 3/8 to 7/8 blood.

Class

401. Bred and Owned Cow/Calf – Calf born after March 1, 2018. Calf must be Bred and Owned by exhibitor **AND** registered in the exhibitor's name by AUGUST 15, 2018.
402. Calved March 1 - April 30, 2018
403. Calved January 1 – February 28, 2018
404. Calved November 1 – December 31, 2017
405. Calved September 1 – October 31, 2017
406. Calved July 1 – August 31, 2017
407. Calved May 1 – June 30, 2017
408. Calved March 1 – April 30, 2017
409. Calved January 1 – February 28, 2017
410. Calved November 1 – December 31, 2016
411. Calved September 1 – October 31, 2016
412. Bred and Owned Heifers (Exhibitor may choose one (1) bred & owned heifer to compete in this class)

BREED — SIMMENTAL

Cattle that are a Purebred (7/8 or greater) Simmental and recorded by the American Simmental Association are eligible for competition.

Class:

501. Bred and Owned Cow/Calf – Calf born after March 1, 2018. Calf must be Bred and Owned by exhibitor **AND** registered in the exhibitor's name by AUGUST 15, 2018.
502. Calved March 1 - April 30, 2018
503. Calved January 1 – February 28, 2018
504. Calved November 1 – December 31, 2017
505. Calved September 1 – October 31, 2017
506. Calved July 1 – August 31, 2017
507. Calved May 1 – June 30, 2017
508. Calved March 1 – April 30, 2017
509. Calved January 1 – February 28, 2017
510. Calved November 1 – December 31, 2016
511. Calved September 1 – October 31, 2016
512. Bred and Owned Heifers (Exhibitor may choose one (1) bred & owned heifer to compete in this class)

BREED — PERCENTAGE SIMMENTAL

Cattle that are 1/2, 5/8 or 3/4 Simmental and recorded by the American Simmental Association are eligible for competition.

Class:

601. Bred and Owned Cow/Calf – Calf born after March 1, 2018. Calf must be Bred and Owned by exhibitor **AND** registered in the exhibitor's name by AUGUST 15, 2018.
602. Calved March 1 - April 30, 2018
603. Calved January 1 – February 28, 2018
604. Calved November 1 – December 31, 2017
605. Calved September 1 – October 31, 2017
606. Calved July 1 – August 31, 2017
607. Calved May 1 – June 30, 2017
608. Calved March 1 – April 30, 2017
609. Calved January 1 – February 28, 2017
610. Calved November 1 – December 31, 2016
611. Calved September 1 – October 31, 2016
612. Bred and Owned Heifers (Exhibitor may choose one (1) bred & owned heifer to compete in this class)

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ALL OTHER BREED REGISTERED BREEDING CATTLE

Any registered cattle that are not eligible to show in listed breeds may show in this section.

Class:

- 701. Bred and Owned Cow/Calf – Calf born after March 1, 2018. Calf must be Bred and Owned by exhibitor **AND** registered in the exhibitor's name by AUGUST 15, 2018.
- 702. Calved March 1 - April 30, 2018
- 703. Calved January 1 – February 28, 2018
- 704. Calved November 1 – December 31, 2017
- 705. Calved September 1 – October 31, 2017
- 706. Calved July 1 – August 31, 2017
- 707. Calved May 1 – June 30, 2017
- 708. Calved March 1 – April 30, 2017
- 709. Calved January 1 – February 28, 2017
- 710. Calved November 1 – December 31, 2016
- 711. Calved September 1 – October 31, 2016
- 712. Bred and Owned Heifers (Exhibitor may choose one (1) bred & owned heifer to compete in this class)

CROSSBRED – REPLACEMENT HEIFERS

Class 801

1. To be eligible for exhibition, crossbred heifers born September 1, 2016 to April 30, 2018 must be tagged at an official State Fair of Virginia site. Nominations will be taken at several sites around the state. Past exhibitors and county extension offices will be notified as to the dates, times and locations nominations will be taken. It is responsibility of the exhibitor to properly nominate his or her crossbred heifers at one of the locations. Only heifers born September 1, 2016 to April 30, 2018 that have been nominated and properly tagged will be eligible for competition at the State Fair of Virginia. All cattle must be nominated at one nomination site in a single exhibitor's name.
2. Heifers less than 3/4 blood, unregistered, grade or crossbred are eligible to show.
3. Heifers must be born after September 1, 2016.
4. Classes will be made up according to weight. Numbers within each class will be as nearly equal as possible. Class weight breaks will be made at the discretion of show officials. All classes will be lined up by weight in the show ring. Class winners will compete for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Crossbred Heifer honors.
5. Fitting of crossbred replacement heifers is allowed, but it must be done in an ethical manner following the guidelines set forth in the general livestock rules.

Premiums for Breeding Cattle

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
\$40	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$5

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SPECIAL RULES - PREMIER EXHIBITOR PROGRAM

1. The Premier Exhibitor Program is designed to recognize youth beef exhibitors which demonstrate comprehensive skills related to the beef project and industry; including knowledge of production/management practices, genetics, carcass and end product traits, animal health, and nutrition, along with animal evaluation, showmanship, and live animal show ring performance.
2. Premier Exhibitors will be divided into the following age categories for recognition and awards:
 - A. Junior Division- exhibitors 12 years of age and younger on September 30 of current year
 - B. Intermediate Division- exhibitors 13 to 15 years of age on September 30 of current year
 - C. Senior Division- exhibitors 16 years of age and older on September 30 of current year
3. Ranking of exhibitors within each age category will be based on the following:
 - A. 35% Beef Skillathon Contest – The beef Skillathon will take place at a predetermined time, and exhibitors are responsible for completing the various stations of the contest during the advertised time. The skillathon will test exhibitors' knowledge in four basic areas: nutrition, products, genetics/reproduction, and management. Portions of the skillathon contest may be separate for Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitors.
 - B. 30% Beef Quiz – The quiz will be a component of the Skillathon.
 - C. 20% Showmanship – Exhibitors must participate in showmanship.
 - D. 15% Beef Placing – Highest placing on any beef exhibited (market steer, feeder steer, crossbred heifer, or registered breeding heifer).
 - E. Ties in total score within an age category will be broken sequentially on quiz score, skillathon score, and showmanship score.
4. Exhibitors must participate in all areas of the Premier Exhibitor program to be eligible for recognition and awards. Exhibitors participating in all categories will automatically be considered for awards.
5. Appropriate recognition and awards will be provided for each age division.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM- BEEF

All market beef entries/animals qualifying and designated for the Scholarship Program must be sold and slaughtered. If the animal is condemned for any reason, neither payment nor scholarship will be awarded and the competitor must accept the consequences without recourse against the State Fair of Virginia.

Upon qualifying for and agreeing to participate in the Scholarship Program, the entry will become the property of the Scholarship Program and the exhibitor will be compensated for his/her entry as set forth in the Scholarship Program.

Live Show Grand Champion – Market Beef	\$750.00 Scholarship
Live Show Reserve Grand Champion – Market Beef	\$500.00 Scholarship
Live Show Class Winners – Market Beef	\$300.00 Scholarship (Limited to a max of 5)

The overall awards are determined using a combination of live placing and carcass results

Overall Grand Champion – Market Beef	\$1500.00 Scholarship
Overall Reserve Grand Champion – Market Beef	\$1250.00 Scholarship

Breeding Cattle:

Supreme Champion Female	\$600.00 Scholarship
Supreme Reserve Champion Female	\$500.00 Scholarship
Supreme 2 nd Runner-Up Female	\$400.00 Scholarship

Premier Exhibitor Scholarships: 9 Scholarships (by age group)

Junior	1st	\$300.00	2nd	\$200.00	3rd	\$100.00
Intermediate	1st	\$350.00	2nd	\$250.00	3rd	\$150.00
Senior	1st	\$400.00	2nd	\$300.00	3rd	\$200.00

Qualifying entries for the market beef scholarships must participate in the carcass contest (terminal). Scholarships are not cumulative for the same animal. Exhibitors may receive multiple market beef scholarships, which may include any combination of the Grand, Division and Class Winner awards detailed above.

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ENTRIES

1. **Participants must enter the FairEntry system. For FairEntry system go to www.ext.vt.edu/youthlivestock under 'Shows' and then 'State Fair' prior to August 15th. Entries must be made online, printed, signed (FFA only) and mailed by August 15.**
2. A \$12 entry fee (per head) will be charged to all cattle entered. **Entry fees need to be made payable to Virginia 4-H Foundation.**
3. Exhibitors are limited to 2 prospect steers or prospect heifers (breeding or market), 3 market steers/heifers and 6 crossbred and registered breeding heifers (with no more than 4 of the 6 being purchased heifers). Nomination tag numbers will be required in the crossbred heifer and market steer/heifer entries.
4. Registered breeding heifer entries: Enter class from list provided. Include animal tag/tattoo, registration number, and animal birth date on entry form. Breed shows include Angus, Hereford, Red Angus, Shorthorn, ShorthornPlus, Simmental, and Percentage Simmental. If breed is not listed, enter All Other Breeds (AOB) Division and indicate breed on entry.

FAIRENTRY SYSTEM

We are utilizing FairEntry to capture entries. This system is tied to 4-HOnline. Please see the tips below for more information on how to best utilize the system. A help sheet with screenshots can be found at:

<http://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/youth-livestock/shows/state-fair.html>

If you are a 4-H Member:

1. Sign-in using your 4-HOnline Family information.
 - a. **CLICK ON THE GREEN "SIGN IN TO 4-HOnline" BUTTON FIRST!**
 - b. If you forgot your password, there is a link to reset it.
 - c. If you reset your password, please remember to reset it in 4HOnline. Please contact Jessica Dotson (ejessica@vt.edu), with any questions.
2. Please choose your family member (exhibitor). Only one child can be entered at a time.
3. Please verify your contact information, including mailing address. **This step is very important, as premium checks will be mailed to this address.**
4. Be sure to enter **ALL EXHIBITORS** within the family prior to clicking submit.
 - a. Once you click submit, your entries are locked until they are approved. Additional family member entries cannot be accepted until they have been approved.
5. Once all family members and exhibitors have been entered, make sure you click submit to finalize your entries. Entries are not final until you have clicked submit.

If you are a FFA member:

1. You will need to create a new account under FairEntry.
 - a. Please use a valid email account, as you will be receiving confirmation messages about your entries.
2. Once you have completed the entry process, make sure you click submit to finalize your entries. Entries are not final until you have clicked submit.

You will receive a confirmation email with your entries and invoice. Please make sure that you complete the following to finalize your entry into the State Fair of Virginia:

1. **Print a copy** of the email from FairEntry.
2. **IF YOU ARE AN FFA member, have FFA advisor sign the top of the email.**
3. Enclose a \$12/head registration fee (check payable to VA 4-H Foundation)
4. Mail printed entry form and **payment payable to VA 4-H Foundation** to the following address:

ATTN: Scott Greiner
SFVA Entries
366 Litton Reaves Hall (MC 0306)
Blacksburg, VA 24061-0306



Tips for Exhibitors making Online Entries:

- Recommended browsers: Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox. Older versions of Internet Explorer may cause unexpected results.
- Register all entries for each exhibitor in the family before proceeding to the Payment section.
- Be sure to click the "Submit" button when you have completed your entries. Entries are not final until they have been submitted.
- Check your email inbox for a confirmation email with a list of your entries and any related fees.
- You will receive a second email when your entries have been approved by your fair.

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Beef Promotion Award

Sponsored by Virginia Beef Industry Council
P.O. Box 9, Daleville, VA 24083-0009

Top Promoter - \$100
1st Runner-up - \$80
Honorable Mention - \$40

Presented to the youth individual exhibitor/club/chapter/county group whose pen area display is most effective in promoting beef and the beef industry. The theme of the display should be related to beef as a valuable and healthful food, contributions of beef production to society, and/or value of beef production to the economy. Youth exhibitor beef promotion exhibits will be judged by a committee appointed by the youth beef show superintendents. Exhibits will be judged by individual exhibitor/club/chapter/county group on educational content as well as neatness and general appearance.