



DEPARTMENT 3 BEEF CATTLE

Co-Chairperson: Larry Stillwagon, Connellsville, PA 15425 (724-323-4229)

Co-Chairperson: Cecelia Biggerstaff, Belle Vernon, PA 15012 (724-929-2274)

2026 Cattle Health Regulations

****** All exhibitors, at the time of animal check-in, must provide the Fair Office with a copy of their animals' health records. The health records will be kept by the Fair Office and will not be returned to the exhibitor.******

Pennsylvania Cattle:

1. A current Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) valid for 30 days after the date of issue.
2. All animals must be free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases.
3. Official identification is required for all cattle. Official identification includes any of the following:
 - (a) A USDA issued National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) tag if applied prior to Nov. 5, 2024. This tag type is no longer valid for interstate movement if applied after Nov. 5, 2024.
 - (b) A 15-digit Animal Identification Number (AIN) ear tag starting with "840".
 - (c) Brands registered with a recognized brand inspection authority and accompanied by an official brand inspection certificate, when agreed to by the shipping and receiving State or Tribal animal health authorities; or
 - (d) Tattoos and other identification methods acceptable to a breed association for registration purposes, accompanied by a breed registration certificate, when agreed to by the shipping and receiving State or/Tribal animal health authorities.
4. **Influenza A testing will be required if there is a case of Influenza A in dairy cattle in Pennsylvania.** Testing will be in compliance with the 2026 Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture 2026 Animal Health Requirements and Recommendations for Animal Exhibition.
5. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian for animals 3 months of age and older (observe appropriate slaughter withdraw time).
6. Rodeo: It is recommended that Pennsylvania-origin rodeo cattle of all ages be negative on an official tuberculin test within 60 days prior to the start of the fair unless they are members of and originate from an accredited tuberculosis-free herd. The cattle can be accompanied by the negative test report, or the tuberculosis test results can be recorded by the veterinarian on a CVI.

Out of State Cattle: Please contact the Fair Office or the PA Department of Agriculture for additional health rules.

2026 RULES AND REGULATIONS:

ENTRY DEADLINE: Friday, July 17, 2026

ENTRY FEE: \$3.00 per animal

ARRIVAL TIME: Sunday, August 1, 2026 - 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM

RELEASE TIME: Saturday, August 8, 2026 - 11:30 PM

1. To show ownership, the exhibitor's name must be on registration papers.
2. When livestock barns are filled to capacity entries will be refused based on latest postmark.
3. All animals of specific breeds must be registered with the proper breed association in the name of the exhibitors or evidence presented showing registration papers have been applied for. Exhibitors will be required to show registry papers for animals old enough to be registered and the name and number of the sire and dam of those under that age. **Registration papers and ear tattoos will be checked by the Beef Committee.**
4. All unregistered animals will show under 03-Crossbred/Commercial.
5. To be eligible to compete in group classes, including 2 Females, any age, owned by exhibitor (pair a females), all animals must be entered on individual classes.
6. When on exhibit in the ring, each animal must be under halter and in charge of owner's representation.
7. All animals must be broken to show or will not be permitted in show ring.
8. Exhibitor limited to 2 premiums per class. Group classes limited to 1 entry per exhibitor.
9. Nurse cows permitted in barns if space is available.
10. **SUBSTITUTIONS PERMITTED IN SAME CLASS ONLY!**

SECTION 1

BREEDING - BEEF CATTLE

JUDGING: Wednesday, August 5, 2026 - 9:00 AM

JUDGE: Corbin Cowles – Rockfield, KY

Breeding Codes

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 01 - ANGUS | 06 - MAINE ANJOU/MAINTAINER |
| 02 - CHIANINA | 07 - SHORTHORN/SHORHORN PLUS |
| 03 - CROSSBRED/COMMERICAL | 08 - SIMMENTAL/SIM SOLUTIONS |
| 04 - HEREFORD | 09 - AOB - REGISTERED |
| 05 - LIMOUSIN/LIM FLEX | |

FEMALES

| Class | Description | Award/ Premium | 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd | 4 th | 5 th |
|---------------------------------------|--|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Spring Heifer Calf, born on or after 3-1-26 | | \$25 | \$20 | \$17 | \$15 | \$10 |
| 2 | Junior Heifer Calf, born 1-1-26 to 2-28-26 | | \$25 | \$20 | \$17 | \$15 | \$10 |
| 3 | Winter Heifer Calf, born 11-1-25 to 12-31-25 | | \$25 | \$20 | \$17 | \$15 | \$10 |
| 4 | Senior Heifer Calf, born 9-1-25 to 10-31-25 | | \$25 | \$20 | \$17 | \$15 | \$10 |
| 5 | Late Summer Yearling Heifer, born 7-1-25 to 8-31-25 | | \$25 | \$20 | \$17 | \$15 | \$10 |
| JUNIOR CHAMPION HEIFER | | | ROSETTE | | | | |
| RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION HEIFER | | | ROSETTE | | | | |
| 8 | Early Summer Yearling Heifer, born 5-1-25 to 6-30-25 | | \$25 | \$20 | \$17 | \$15 | \$10 |
| 9 | Late Junior Yearling Heifer, born 3-1-25 to 4-30-25 | | \$25 | \$20 | \$17 | \$15 | \$10 |
| 10 | Early Junior Yearling Heifer, born 1-1-25 to 2-28-25 | | \$25 | \$20 | \$17 | \$15 | \$10 |
| 11 | Senior Yearling Heifer, born 9-1-24 to 12-31-24 | | \$25 | \$20 | \$17 | \$15 | \$10 |
| SENIOR CHAMPION HEIFER | | | ROSETTE | | | | |
| RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION HEIFER | | | ROSETTE | | | | |
| GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE | | | ROSETTE | | | | |
| RESERVE GRAND FEMALE | | | ROSETTE | | | | |
| 16 | 2 year old Female, born 1-1-24 to 8-31-24 with natural calf at side born after 1-1-26 | | \$25 | \$20 | \$17 | \$15 | \$10 |
| 17 | Cow, born 1-1-21 to 12-31-23 with natural calf at side born after 1-1-26 | | \$25 | \$20 | \$17 | \$15 | \$10 |
| 18 | 2 Females, any age, owned by exhibitor | | \$25 | \$20 | - | - | - |
| CHAMPION COW-CALF* | | | ROSETTE | | | | |
| RESERVE CHAMPION COW-CALF | | | ROSETTE | | | | |
| SUPREME CHAMPION FEMALE | | | ROSETTE | | | | |

*cow-calf does not compete for overall Champion Female

BULLS

| Class | Description | Award/ Premium | 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd | 4 th | 5 th |
|-------------------------------------|---|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 21 | Spring Bulls Calf, born on or after 3-1-26 | | \$25 | \$20 | \$17 | \$15 | \$10 |
| 22 | Junior Bulls Calf, born 1-1-26 to 2-28-26 | | \$25 | \$20 | \$17 | \$15 | \$10 |
| 23 | Winter Bulls Calf, born 11-1-25 to 12-31-25 | | \$25 | \$20 | \$17 | \$15 | \$10 |
| 24 | Senior Bulls Calf, born 9-1-25 to 10-31-25 | | \$25 | \$20 | \$17 | \$15 | \$10 |
| 25 | Late Summer Yearling Bulls, born 7-1-25 to 8-31-25 | | \$25 | \$20 | \$17 | \$15 | \$10 |
| JUNIOR CHAMPION BULL | | | ROSETTE | | | | |
| RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION BULL | | | ROSETTE | | | | |
| 28 | Early Summer Yearling Bulls, born 5-1-25 to 6-30-25 | | \$25 | \$20 | \$17 | \$15 | \$10 |
| 29 | Late Junior Yearling Bulls, born 3-1-25 to 4-30-25 | | \$25 | \$20 | \$17 | \$15 | \$10 |
| 30 | Early Junior Yearling Bulls, born 1-1-25 to 2-28-25 | | \$25 | \$20 | \$17 | \$15 | \$10 |
| 31 | Senior Yearling Bulls, born 9-1-24 to 12-31-24 | | \$25 | \$20 | \$17 | \$15 | \$10 |
| 32 | 2 Year Old Bulls, born 1-1-24 to 8-31-24 | | \$25 | \$20 | \$17 | \$15 | \$10 |
| SENIOR CHAMPION BULL | | | ROSETTE | | | | |
| RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION BULL | | | ROSETTE | | | | |
| GRAND CHAMPION BULL | | | ROSETTE | | | | |
| RESERVE GRAND BULL | | | ROSETTE | | | | |
| SUPREME CHAMPION BULL | | | ROSETTE | | | | |

GROUP CLASSES

It is permissible for family members to combine animals to compete in group classes

| Class | Description | Award/ Premium | 1 st | 2 nd |
|-------|--|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 37 | Group of 2 Bulls, any age, owned by exhibitor | | \$25 | \$20 |
| 38 | Senior Get of Sire, 4 animals, any age, both sexes represented, owned by exhibitor. All of same Sire. | | \$25 | \$20 |
| 39 | Junior Get of Sire, 3 animals, both sexes represented, owned by exhibitor. From female Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and bull Classes 21,22, 23. All of same Sire. | | \$25 | \$20 |
| 40 | Best 5 Head | | \$25 | \$20 |

SECTION 2

2026 MASON-DIXON HEREFORD SHOW

JUDGING: Friday, July 31, 2026 (following Mason- Dixon Steer Show)

JUDGE: **Andy Hoelscher – Boston, NY**

Chairperson: Larry Stillwagon, Connellsville, PA 15425 (724-323-4229)

2026 RULES AND REGULATIONS:

ENTRY DEADLINE: Friday, July 17, 2026

ENTRY FEE: \$3.00 per animal

ARRIVAL TIME: Thursday, July 30, 2026 - 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

RELEASE TIME: Friday, July 31, 2026 - 5:00 PM

1. To show ownership, the exhibitor's name or farm name must be on registration papers.
2. Meet all Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Health requirements or Maryland and West Virginia equivalent for showing in a Pennsylvania show.
3. Registration papers and ear tattoos are checked at same time as Certificates of Veterinary Inspection.
4. Any exhibitor removing cattle prior to release time will not receive premium money.
5. A check for \$3.00 per animal showed must accompany the pre-registration forms for all animals in open class. Checks will be returned to the exhibitors if space limitations cause limiting the number of animals in the show.
6. If space limitations cause a decision limiting number of animals in the show, exhibitors sending in pre-registration last will be notified not to bring the animals.
7. To qualify for premiums all cattle must be registered with AHA in owner's name. Calves not registered by show date must be eligible for registration with AHA. (Proven registration of Sire and Dam.)
8. Exhibitors are responsible for providing feed and bedding for their animals. No straw or bedding will be furnished.
9. Exhibitor limited to 2 premiums per class. Group classes limited to 1 entry per exhibitor.
10. MDHA junior members must pre-register prior to the show with the MDPHA official or designee to qualify for additional premiums or monetary awards.
11. **In order to participate in the MDHA show, exhibitor dues must be received by July 17, 2026 to Nancy Midla. Junior membership cost is \$10, farm fee as registered breeders is \$20, and commercial/friends of MDHA is \$10. Dues can be mailed to Nancy Midla at 34 Cranberry Marsh Road, Marianna PA 15345.**
12. **SUBSTITUTIONS PERMITTED IN SAME CLASS ONLY!**

MASON-DIXON FEMALES

| Class | Description | Award/ Premium | 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd | 4 th | 5 th |
|---------------------------------------|--|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Spring Heifer Calf, born on or after 3-1-26 | | \$25 | \$20 | \$17 | \$15 | \$10 |
| 2 | Junior Heifer Calf, born 1-1-26 to 2-28-26 | | \$25 | \$20 | \$17 | \$15 | \$10 |
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| 4 | Senior Heifer Calf, born 9-1-25 to 10-31-25 | | \$25 | \$20 | \$17 | \$15 | \$10 |
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| JUNIOR CHAMPION HEIFER | | | | | ROSETTE | | |
| RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION HEIFER | | | | | ROSETTE | | |
| 8 | Early Summer Yearling Heifer, born 5-1-25 to 6-30-25 | | \$25 | \$20 | \$17 | \$15 | \$10 |
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MASON-DIXON BULLS

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PREMIUMS and AWARDS

GRAND CHAMPION HEIFER

GRAND CHAMPION BULL

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION HEIFER

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL

BRED AND OWNED

Juniors placing highest in classes during the open show, who did not place first, will be considered first place for the placings in the Junior Show, the next highest placing Junior will be second place, etc. Juniors will receive additional premiums from the MDHA in addition to those premiums which will be paid by the Fayette County Fair. The MDHA will only pay premiums in the Junior show if the junior has not been selected as first or second place by the judge in the Open show.

SECTION 3

35th ANNUAL MDHA STEER SHOW

JUDGING: Friday, July 31, 2026- 12:00 PM (following 4-H Carcass Steer Show)

2026 RULES AND REGULATIONS:

ENTRY DEADLINE: Friday, July 17, 2026

ENTRY FEE: \$3.00 per steer

ARRIVAL TIME: Thursday, July 30, 2026 – 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

WEIGH-IN: Thursday, July 30, 2026 – 4:00 PM

RELEASE TIME: Friday, July 31, 2026 – 5:00 PM

1. Any current MDHA member under 21 years of age (membership free). You do not have to be a 4-H or FFA member.
2. Any steer sired by a bull recorded in the registry of the APHA (including APHA Range Bull Registry).

3. Steers may be polled or scurred. Scurs, if present, must be loose and not firmly attached to the head; they must not be removed or tampered with.
4. Steer must show characteristics typical of straight-bred polled Hereford cattle (red). Line back steers are eligible. *All steers will be suspect to inspection and will be required to meet minimum standards for type, quality and confirmation.
5. Steers may not be crossed with dairy cattle.
6. Steers should be market ready and will be judged as such.

Premiums \$19.00 \$15.00 \$13.00 \$11.00 \$9.00

1. Classes will be determined by weight.
2. Number of classes depends on the number of entries.

AWARDS

GRAND CHAMPION STEER

MDHA - \$50.00

Fayette County Cattlemen's Assoc. - \$100.00

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION STEER

MDHA - \$25

Sponsored by MDHA - \$25.00

SECTION 4

MDHA JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

JUDGING: Friday, July 31, 2026 12:00 PM (following 4-H Carcass Steer Show)

2026 RULES AND REGULATIONS:

ENTRY DEADLINE: Friday, July 17, 2026

1. Any current MDHA member under 21 years of age (membership free). You do not have to be a 4-H or FFA member.
2. Must be an exhibitor in a 2026 MDHA type class at the Fayette County Fair.

| Class | Description | Award/ Premium | 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd | 4 th | 5 th |
|-------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Juniors 8-13 | | \$12 | \$10 | \$8 | \$7 | \$5 |
| 2 | Intermediates 14-16 | | \$25 | \$20 | \$17 | \$15 | \$10 |
| 3 | Seniors 17 and over | | \$25 | \$20 | \$17 | \$15 | \$10 |