



BEEF SHOW TIME

Beef Show Time: - Friday, July 24 – 9:00 a.m.

Catch a Calf Show Immediately Following the Beef Show

Superintendents: Jonny & Kayla Hess



FAIR EXHIBIT ENTRY:

1. All entries made in this department are subject to the Arapahoe County Fair General Rules and Livestock Rules. Please carefully read all rules.
2. Fair Exhibit Entry is required for all 4-H/FFA Animal exhibits by entry deadline, Monday, June 15, 2026.
3. Late entries will be accepted up until Sunday, June 22, 2025 with a late fee of \$25.00 per exhibitor. Late fees can be paid by mailing a check to:
Arapahoe County Extension Office
Attn: Fair Entry
6934 S Lima St, Suite B
Centennial, CO 80112
4. After Monday, June 22, 2026, absolutely no entries will be accepted.
5. Entry will be done online at [Arapahoecounty.fairentry.com](https://www.arapahoecountyfair.com/entry)



PROJECT EXHIBIT ELIGIBILITY:

1. Exhibitors must be enrolled in the Breeding and Market Beef Projects in order to enter the Breeding and Market Beef Shows.
2. Exhibitors must have continuously owned and personally cared for their animals since:
 - March 1, 2026 - Market Beef
 - May 1, 2026 - Breeding Beef
 - The only exceptions are junior calves born after May 1 from a breeding beef project animal and entries in a Bred & Fed Class.
3. All beef exhibits must arrive between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. and be in place by 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 21. Late exhibit arrivals are subject to a \$25 late fee at the discretion of the superintendent.
4. All beef must remain at the Fairgrounds until all other livestock is released on Sunday, July 26 at 5:00 p.m.
5. All beef exhibits must be naturally polled or dehorned and not have scurs longer than two inches at any time.
6. Show order for classes will be posted in the stall areas, show ring and the 4-H Fair office.



BEEF HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

1. All animals must:
 - Originate from herds not under quarantine.
 - Be free of contagious disease, parasites, and other illnesses.
 - Animals deemed by the Superintendent to be unhealthy to show and/or sell at auction, or to pose health or safety risk to other livestock and/or the public will be disqualified and sent home from the Fair.
2. Beef cattle may be exhibited at the Fair if they qualify in one of the following ways:
 - Originate from a certified brucellosis-free herd, and the certificate number and date of last test is properly recorded.
 - Originate from a herd not under quarantine in a brucellosis class (free) state.
 - Are officially vaccinated under 24 months of age, properly identified by legible tattoo and/or ear tag, and information properly recorded from a quarantined herd.
 - Originate from a herd in Colorado, which is not under quarantine.
 - Originate from a herd not under quarantine for tuberculosis, from a modified accredited area, or a tuberculosis-free area.
3. The exhibitor must strictly comply with Meat, Milk and Egg Quality Assurance Standards and withdrawal periods for any medications given to livestock.



DIVISION – BEEF SHOWMANSHIP (Required)

CLASS 545: 4-H/FFA Senior
CLASS 546: 4-H/FFA Intermediate
CLASS 547: 4-H/FFA Junior



1. Beef Showmanship is required for all 4-H members showing beef at the Arapahoe County Fair.
2. Exhibitors must enter and show their own animal.
3. Market or breeding beef animals may be used for beef showmanship classes except for dairy animals.
4. The beef showmanship time schedule will be at the discretion of the beef superintendent.
5. The judge will evaluate showmanship based on the following:
 - Appearance of animal
 - Showing of animal
 - Appearance, courtesy and knowledge of exhibitor
6. Beef showmanship is divided into three age divisions:
 - Junior division, Ages 8-10 as of Dec. 31, 2025
 - Intermediate division, Ages 11-13 as of Dec. 31, 2025
 - Senior division, Ages 14-18 as of Dec. 31, 2025



DIVISION – MARKET BEEF

CLASS 550: Small Breed Market Beef Heifer
CLASS 555: Small Breed Market Beef Steer
CLASS 580: Market Beef Heifer
CLASS 555: Market Beef Steer

(Final classes assigned at weigh-in)



1. Market beef classes and small breed market beef classes are open to steers and heifers, purebred or crossbred, calved after January 1, 2025.
2. Market beef will be weighed at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 21. See 4-H/FFA Livestock And Small Animal Rules for specific weigh-in rules and Auction rules.
3. Small breed market beef must weigh a minimum of 650 and a maximum of 1,100 pounds and all other market beef must weigh a minimum of 1,000 pounds for market classes and livestock Auction. There is no maximum weight for all other market beef to show and sell.
4. Age will be determined by the dentition process. All market beef must have both temporary central incisors (baby teeth) in place. Any evidence of tampering with tooth development will be cause for disqualification. The dentition's decision is final.
5. Market beef will be shown by weight divisions rather than by breed. The superintendent will make the classes as even as possible according to weight distribution. An exhibitor having more than one market beef with uniform weights may end up with two or more animals in the same class.



**DIVISION – MARKET BEEF (cont.)**

6. If an exhibitor in a market class ends up with two animals in the same class, they can elect to move one animal up to the next heavier weight class but not down to the lighter class or they may ask an Arapahoe County 4-H/FFA member in good standing to show for them in the same class.
7. Beef Brand Inspection Papers: Brand papers are due to the Beef Superintendent no later than beef weigh in at County Fair. If brand papers are not presented, a \$30.00 fee is assessed and must be paid at that time. Superintendent or 4-H Youth Development/Animal Science Specialist must call Brand Board and get certificate number so a copy of that paper can be given to that inspector.
8. A feeder class may be established for market beef under or over the required market weight. The Superintendent does not intend to establish a competitive feeder class, so exhibitors are urged to show market beef weighing over 1,000 lbs. and small breed market beef must weigh a minimum of 650 lbs. and a maximum of 1100 lbs.
9. Small breed market beef can be no more than 48” at the hip. This will be enforced.
10. Small breed market beef exhibitors must declare to the Beef Superintendent at beef tag-in that their animal will be shown as a small breed market beef at the Arapahoe County Fair.
11. A heifer can only be shown as a market heifer or a breeding heifer, not both.
12. Champion and Reserve Champion Market steers and heifers will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef.
13. Any youth raising a calf under the National Western 4-H Catch-A-Calf program is eligible and strongly encouraged to show in a special show between the Market Beef Show and Breeding Beef Show, July 24.

**DIVISION – BREEDING BEEF**

- CLASS 565: Junior Heifer Calf
- CLASS 566: Senior Heifer Calf
- CLASS 567: Summer Yearling Heifer
- CLASS 568: Junior Yearling Heifer
- CLASS 569: Senior Yearling Heifer
- CLASS 570: Two-Year-Old Heifer/Cow



1. Breeding beef will be shown by age and sex only, all breeds combined.
2. Classes may be combined if there are less than three per class.
3. Breeding beef age classifications will be as follows:
 - Junior Calf-calved after Jan. 1, 2026
 - Senior Calf-calved between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2025
 - Summer Yearling-calved between May 1 and Aug. 31, 2025





DIVISION – BREEDING BEEF (cont.)

CLASS 571: Three-Year-Old and Older Heifer/
Cow

CLASS 572: Junior Bull Calf

CLASS 573: Senior Bull Calf

CLASS 574: Summer Yearling Bull

CLASS 575: Cow/Calf or First Calf Heifer/Calf
Pair

- Junior Yearling Heifer -calved between Jan. 1 and April 30, 2025
- Senior Yearling Heifer-calved between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024
- Two Year Old Heifer-calved between Jan 1 and August 31, 2024
- Three Year Old Cow and Older-born before July 25, 2023
- Cow-Calf Pair - Cow or first calf heifer born before May 1, 2023, with calf born after January 1, 2026
- NOTE: Bull calves may only be shown in the Junior Bull Calf, Senior Bull Calf and Summer Yearling Bull Breeding Classes and Bred & Fed Classes.



DIVISION – BRED & FED BREEDING BEEF

CLASS 576: Producers Breeding Beef



1. Open to yearling bulls and heifers born between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025.
2. Breeding beef rules are followed as per Fair Book.
3. Bred & Fed breeding animals may be shown in other breeding classes but may not be shown in market classes



DIVISION – BRED & FED MARKET BEEF

CLASS 577: Producers Market Beef



1. Animals must be weighed in and tagged on the designated weigh-in date.
2. Market beef rules are followed as per Fair Book.
3. Market beef animals may be shown in other beef market classes but may not be shown in a breeding class.
4. Bred & Fed market class will not show by weight divisions.



DIVISION – LIVESTOCK COSTUME CONTEST

CLASS 540: Livestock Costume contest



1. See 4-H Livestock And Small Animal Rules for Contest Rules



DIVISION - PREMIER EXHIBITOR

CLASS 579: Premier Beef Exhibitor



1. See 4-H Livestock And Small Animal Rules, refer to Special Contests for Premier Exhibitor



CATCH A CALF EVENT

Friday, July 24, 2026

8:00 a.m. - Check In

Show Immediately Following Beef Shows

Entry Fee: \$10.00

Entry Required & Due - June 15, 2026



FAIR EXHIBIT ENTRY:

Entry fee check must be made out to "Arapahoe County Livestock Committee".

Checks and entry form must be mailed to:

Arapahoe County Livestock Committee

c/o Roxie Brockelman

61151 East US Hwy #36

Strasburg, CO 80136



PROJECT EXHIBIT ELIGIBILITY:

1. This event is open to all who caught a calf at the 2026 NWSS Catch a Calf competition.
2. Calves must be halter broken.
3. If an animal is deemed unruly and/or a safety hazard to the public by the superintendent the animal will not be allowed to show.
4. There will be no weight division for this class.
5. The class will be split by hip height if there are too many in the class.
6. The beef Superintendent will check animal before it can be unloaded.
7. Stalling will be provided for Arapahoe County 4-H/FFA members. Stalling for out of county entries is not guaranteed.
8. Catch-A-Calves must be hauled in on Friday, July 24 by 8:00 a.m. Arapahoe County 4-H members may follow the regular County Fair 4-H load-in, stalling and load-out procedures.
9. Calves hauled in the day of show may load-out any time following the show, but must be off the grounds by 2:00 p.m., Friday, July 24.
10. This class will follow the same Exhibitor Responsibility rules regarding fitting, etc., as outlined in the 4-H Livestock And Small Animal Rules.
11. Awards:
 - 1st Place – 50% of fee & Belt Buckle
 - 2nd Place – 30% of fee
 - 3rd Place – 20% of fee
12. Catch a Calves are not eligible for Grand Champion Market beef and are not eligible for the sale.



DEPARTMENT M DAIRY CATTLE SHOW CLASSES 4-H/FFA COMBINED

Show Time: Friday, July 24, 2026
(Immediately following breeding beef)



PROJECT EXHIBIT ELIGIBILITY:

1. Exhibitors must be enrolled in the Dairy Project in order to enter the Dairy Cattle Shows.
2. Exhibitors must have continuously owned and personally cared for their animals since:
 - May 1, 2026 - Dairy Cattle
3. All Dairy exhibits must arrive between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. and be in place by 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 21. Late exhibit arrivals are subject to a \$25 late fee at the discretion of the superintendent.
4. All Dairy cattle must remain at the Fairgrounds until all other livestock is released on Sunday, July 26 at 5:00 p.m.
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DAIRY CATTLE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

1. All animals must:
 - Originate from herds not under quarantine.
 - Be free of contagious disease, parasites, and other illnesses.
 - Animals deemed by the Superintendent to be unhealthy to show and/or sell at auction, or to pose health or safety risk to other livestock and/or the public will be disqualified and sent home from the Fair
2. Dairy cattle may be exhibited at the Fair if they qualify in one of the following ways:
 - Originate from a certified brucellosis-free herd, and the certificate number and date of last test is properly recorded.
 - Originate from a herd not under quarantine in a brucellosis class (free) state.
 - Are officially vaccinated under 24 months of age, properly identified by legible tattoo and/or ear tag, and information properly recorded from a quarantined herd.
 - Originate from a herd in Colorado, which is not under quarantine.
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DIVISION – DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP (Required)

CLASS 500: Senior
CLASS 501: Intermediate
CLASS 502: Junior



1. Dairy Showmanship is required for all 4-H/FFA members showing Dairy cattle at the Arapahoe County Fair.
2. The dairy showmanship time schedule will be at the discretion of the cattle superintendent.
3. Market animals must be used for showmanship classes with the exception of dairy animals and heifers. If a member does not show market animals and only shows breeding of that species, then and only then may they use a breeding animal for showmanship.
4. Exhibitors must enter and show their own animal.
5. The judge will evaluate showmanship based on the following:
 - Appearance of animal
 - Showing of animal
 - Appearance, courtesy and knowledge of exhibitor
6. The dairy showmanship contest will be divided into three age divisions:
 - Junior division, Ages 8-10 as of Dec. 31, 2025
 - Intermediate division, Ages 11-13 as of Dec. 31, 2025
 - Senior division, Ages 14-18 as of Dec. 31, 2025
7. If not at least 3 participants in an age division, the Dairy Cattle Showmanship will be judged with the beef cattle showmanship class.



DIVISION – DAIRY CATTLE

CLASS 503: Spring Heifer Calf
CLASS 504: Winter Heifer Calf
CLASS 505: Fall Heifer Calf
CLASS 506: Summer Yearling Heifer
CLASS 507: Spring Yearling Heifer
CLASS 508: Winter Yearling Heifer
CLASS 509: Fall Yearling Heifer
CLASS 510: Dry Cow
CLASS 511: Two Year Old Cow
CLASS 512: Three & Four Year Old Cow
CLASS 513: Aged Cow.



1. Exhibitors must be enrolled in the Dairy Cattle Project in order to enter the Dairy Show.
2. Exhibitors must enter and show their own animal.
3. Dairy cattle will be shown by age, all breeds combined.
4. Classes may be combined if there are less than three per class.
5. Breeding dairy cattle age classifications will be as follows:
 - Spring Heifer Calf – Born Mar. 1, 2026 and over 4 months of age on show day.
 - Winter Heifer Calf - Born between Dec. 1, 2025 and Feb. 28, 2026
 - Fall Heifer Calf - Born between Sept. 1, 2025 and Nov. 30, 2025
 - Summer Yearling Heifer -Born between June 1 and Aug. 31, 2025





DIVISION – DAIRY CATTLE
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- Spring Yearling Heifer-Born between Mar. 1 and May 31, 2025
- Winter Yearling Heifer - Born between Dec. 1, 2024 and Feb. 28, 2025
- Fall Yearling Heifer - Born between Sept. 1, 2024 and Nov. 30, 2024
- Dry Cow any age
- 2 Yr. Old Cow – Born between Aug. 1, 2024 and July 30, 2026
- 3 Yr. Old Cow – Born between Aug. 1, 2023 and July 30, 2026
- 4 Yr. Old Cow – Born between Aug. 1, 2021 and July 30, 2026
- Aged Cow, 5 Yr. & Older – Born prior to August 1, 2020



**DIVISION – PRODUCERS DAIRY
CATTLE**

CLASS 514: Bred & Fed Dairy Cattle



Exhibit Rules:

1. Open to heifers born after September 1, 2024.
2. Dairy Cattle rules are followed as per Fair Book.
3. Bred & Fed breeding animals may be shown in other breeding classes