

Department A BEEF

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Total Estimated Premiums Offered \$ 9,862.00

\$ 10.00 per entry Beef Cattle, \$ 5.00 Stall Fee

\$ 10.00 Exhibitor's Permit (Good for one admission per day)

Arrival Time: Friday August 28, **after 9:00 AM**

Beef Cattle MUST be on the grounds by 8:00 am, Saturday August 29.

Open Breeding Beef Show: Saturday August 29 at **10:00 am**

Open Market Steer Show: Immediately following Breeding Beef Show

Release Time: Sunday August 30 **after 4:00 pm**

1. Entries close at 6:00 pm Monday August 17 or must be postmarked by August 17, 2026. Entry acceptance is subject to the first 175 head of Beef Cattle entered due to stall space limitations. Please make your entries early. Late entries will be accepted based on stall space availability. Only 2 entries per class per exhibitor. Please see **Dept A & HA – Beef Cattle – Open & Junior Show Entry Form**.
2. All animals for Breeding Beef and Market Steer shows must have been owned by the exhibitor prior to June 1, 2026. In case of dispute, the Beef Superintendent and/or representative of Bureau County Agricultural Fair Board will request proof of ownership documentation.
3. All Health papers will be checked by the Vet and then returned to the exhibitor before the end of the fair.
4. Registration papers will be checked by the Dept Superintendent on Saturday, August 29 7:00 to 9:00 am.
5. Registration papers are required for all purebred and AOB (All Other Breeds) livestock. Must have original registration papers (faxes, letters, copies, etc. will NOT be accepted).
6. **FANS – No butt fans allowed. Overhead fans may be used. Fans must be securely mounted above the animal with a limit of one fan per three animals. No fans will be permitted to be in the aisle, on a cart, or on the floor of the barn.** More fans permitted with use of personal generator. All extension cords for fans must be outdoor approved – heavy gauge.
7. Electrical power is limited: the use of generators is strongly encouraged – generators are NOT permitted in the barn. Please indicate on your entry form if you plan to use a generator.
8. All animals are subject to a teeth check to determine age and a blood test to determine breed.
9. All Simmental must be 50% or greater as shown on the required registration papers.
10. No calf under 4 months old will be eligible to compete in any class.
11. The superintendent will designate stall space.
12. Tie outs will be as close to barns as possible. The exhibitor will be responsible for their own tie outs. Don't tie in without approval or you may have to move.
13. ENTER MARKET STEERS IN THE LIGHT WEIGHT LOT OF THEIR CLASS.
14. Grand Champion Prospect Heifer not eligible to show for Grand Champion Breeding Heifer. Grand Champion Prospect Steer not eligible to show for Grand Champion Market Steer.
15. **Hobby / Specialty class intended for American Aberdeen, Lowline Angus, Miniature Hereford, Dexter, Highland, Belted Galloway breeds. Class is non-competitive.**
16. No grooming chutes are allowed in the barns except on show day. No grooming chutes allowed next to Fair Office or on grass area next to the food vendors / Hospitality Tent.
17. See rules and regulations of the Bureau County Agricultural Board, State of Illinois and Livestock Open Class.

All Entry Fees collected will be paid back to exhibitors in the terms of stated Jackpot Premium and Overall Champion Awards. All Overall Champion Awards are subject to change based upon total number of animals entered in Department and / or sponsorships directed to Premium Payouts. Added money to Dept A. Lot and Class Awards is \$6,802.

Premiums: 1st \$34.00, 2nd \$28.00, 3rd \$20.00, 4th \$16.00

Prospect Heifer Show (All Calves must be born in current year.) Registration Papers required or the Prospect heifer will show as Crossbred.

Classes

- A-1-1 **Angus** Junior Heifer Calf after Jan 1 of Current Year
- A-2-1 **Hereford** Junior Heifer Calf after Jan 1 of Current Year
- A-3-1 **Shorthorn** Junior Heifer Calf after Jan 1 of Current Year
- A-4-1 **Simmental** Junior Heifer Calf after Jan 1 of Current Year
- A-5-1 **AOB** Junior Heifer Calf after Jan 1 of Current Year
- A-6-1 **Crossbred** Junior Heifer Calf after Jan 1 of Current Year

A-99-11	Grand Champion Prospect Heifer	\$100
A-99-12	Reserve Grand Champion Prospect Heifer	\$75

Breeding Beef Show

Classes

- A-1-2 **Angus** Junior / Senior Bull Calf born after Aug 1 of previous year
- A-1-3 **Angus** Yearling Bull born prior to July 31 of previous year
- A-1-4 **Angus** Cow-Calf (calf born after Jan 1 and before July 31 of the current year)
- A-1-5 **Angus** Senior Heifer Calf Aug 1 thru Dec 31 of previous year
- A-1-6 **Angus** Summer Yearling Heifer May 1 thru July 31 of previous year
- A-1-7 **Angus** Spring Yearling Heifer March 1 thru April 30 of previous year
- A-1-8 **Angus** Junior Yearling Heifer Jan 1 thru Feb 29 of previous year
- A-1-9 **Angus** Senior Yearling Heifer Sept 1 thru Dec 31 of the second year preceding exhibit year
- A-1-10 **Angus** Pair of Heifers, any age
- A-2-2 **Hereford** Junior / Senior Bull Calf born after Aug 1 of previous year
- A-2-3 **Hereford** Yearling Bull born prior to July 31 of previous year
- A-2-4 **Hereford** Cow-Calf (calf born after Jan 1 and before July 31 of the current year)
- A-2-5 **Hereford** Senior Heifer Calf Aug 1 thru Dec 31 of previous year
- A-2-6 **Hereford** Summer Yearling Heifer May 1 thru July 31 of previous year
- A-2-7 **Hereford** Spring Yearling Heifer March 1 thru April 30 of previous year
- A-2-8 **Hereford** Junior Yearling Heifer Jan 1 thru Feb 29 of previous year
- A-2-9 **Hereford** Senior Yearling Heifer Sept 1 thru Dec 31 of the second year preceding exhibit year
- A-2-10 **Hereford** Pair of Heifers, any age
- A-3-2 **Shorthorn** Junior / Senior Bull Calf born after Aug 1 of previous year
- A-3-3 **Shorthorn** Yearling Bull born prior to July 31 of previous year
- A-3-4 **Shorthorn** Cow-Calf (calf born after Jan 1 and before July 31 of the current year)
- A-3-5 **Shorthorn** Senior Heifer Calf Aug 1 thru Dec 31 of previous year
- A-3-6 **Shorthorn** Summer Yearling Heifer May 1 thru July 31 of previous year
- A-3-7 **Shorthorn** Spring Yearling Heifer March 1 thru April 30 of previous year
- A-3-8 **Shorthorn** Junior Yearling Heifer Jan 1 thru Feb 29 of previous year
- A-3-9 **Shorthorn** Senior Yearling Heifer Sept 1 thru Dec 31 of the second year preceding exhibit year
- A-3-10 **Shorthorn** Pair of Heifers, any age
- A-4-2 **Simmental** Junior / Senior Bull Calf born after Aug 1 of previous year
- A-4-3 **Simmental** Yearling Bull born prior to July 31 of previous year
- A-4-4 **Simmental** Cow-Calf (calf born after Jan 1 and before July 31 of the current year)
- A-4-5 **Simmental** Senior Heifer Calf Aug 1 thru Dec 31 of previous year
- A-4-6 **Simmental** Summer Yearling Heifer May 1 thru July 31 of previous year
- A-4-7 **Simmental** Spring Yearling Heifer March 1 thru April 30 of previous year
- A-4-8 **Simmental** Junior Yearling Heifer Jan 1 thru Feb 29 of previous year
- A-4-9 **Simmental** Senior Yearling Heifer Sept 1 thru Dec 31 of the second year preceding exhibit year
- A-4-10 **Simmental** Pair of Heifers, any age
- A-5-2 **AOB** Junior / Senior Bull Calf born after Aug 1 of previous year
- A-5-3 **AOB** Yearling Bull born prior to July 31 of previous year

- A-5-4 **AOB** Cow-Calf (calf born after Jan 1 and before July 31 of the current year)
- A-5-5 **AOB** Senior Heifer Calf Aug 1 thru Dec 31 of previous year
- A-5-6 **AOB** Summer Yearling Heifer May 1 thru July 31 of previous year
- A-5-7 **AOB** Spring Yearling Heifer March 1 thru April 30 of previous year
- A-5-8 **AOB** Junior Yearling Heifer Jan 1 thru Feb 29 of previous year
- A-5-9 **AOB** Senior Yearling Heifer Sept 1 thru Dec 31 of the second year preceding exhibit year
- A-5-10 **AOB** Pair of Heifers, any age
- A-6-2 **Crossbred** Junior / Senior Bull Calf born after Aug 1 of previous year
- A-6-3 **Crossbred** Yearling Bull born prior to July 31 of previous year
- A-6-4 **Crossbred** Cow-Calf (calf born after Jan 1 and before July 31 of the current year)
- A-6-5 **Crossbred** Senior Heifer Calf Aug 1 thru Dec 31 of previous year
- A-6-6 **Crossbred** Summer Yearling Heifer May 1 thru July 31 of previous year
- A-6-7 **Crossbred** Spring Yearling Heifer March 1 thru April 30 of previous year
- A-6-8 **Crossbred** Junior Yearling Heifer Jan 1 thru Feb 29 of previous year
- A-6-9 **Crossbred** Senior Yearling Heifer Sept 1 thru Dec 31 of the second year preceding exhibit year
- A-6-10 **Crossbred** Pair of Heifers, any age
- A-15-1 **Hobby / Specialty** Heifer Calf Aug 1 of previous year thru current year
- A-15-2 **Hobby / Specialty** Bull Calf or Yearling
- A-15-6 **Hobby / Specialty** Yearling Heifer July 31 of previous year thru Sept 1 of the 2nd year preceding exhibit year

Champions

A*-13	Champion Bull from each Class	Ribbon
A*-14	Reserve Champion Bull from each Class	Ribbon
A*-15	Champion Breeding Heifer from each Class	\$50 & Ribbon
A*-16	Reserve Champion Breeding Heifer from each Class	\$30 & Ribbon
A-99-17	Grand Champion Bull	\$30 & Ribbon
A-99-18	Reserve Grand Champion Bull	Ribbon
A-99-19	Grand Champion Cow-Calf	\$30 & Ribbon
A-99-20	Reserve Grand Champion Cow-Calf	Ribbon
A-99-21	Grand Champion Breeding Heifer	\$150 & Plaque
A-99-22	Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Heifer	\$100 & Plaque

Dept A - Open Steer Show

\$ 10.00 per entry, \$5.00 Stall Fee

Open Prospect & Market Steers will be weighed at 7:00 am on Saturday, August 29, 2026.

Premiums: 1st \$34.00, 2nd \$28.00, 3rd \$20.00, 4th \$16.00

Prospect Steer Show

(All Calves must be born in current year and weigh under 900 lbs)

Minimum 5 head required to make a breed class or will show as AOB. Registration paper required for AOB or the prospect steer will show as Crossbred. Prospect steers will be shown by weight.

Class breaks posted after check in.

- A-7-23 **AOB** Prospect Steer 1 **(Enter All Prospect Steers in this Lot)**
- A-7-24 **AOB** Prospect Steer 2
- A-7-25 **AOB** Prospect Steer 3

- A-8-23 **Crossbred** Prospect Steer 1 **(Enter All Prospect Steers in this Lot)**
- A-8-24 **Crossbred** Prospect Steer 2
- A-8-25 **Crossbred** Prospect Steer 3

Champions

A*-26	Champion Prospect Steer from each class	Ribbon
A*-27	Reserve Champion Prospect Steer from each class	Ribbon
A-99-30	Grand Champion Prospect Steer Calf	\$100
A-99-31	Reserve Grand Champion Prospect Steer Calf	\$50

Market Steer Show

Classes Class breaks posted after weigh in.

A-9-23 **Angus** Lt Wt Steer **(Enter All Market Steers in this Lot)**
A-9-25 **Angus** Heavy Wt Steer
A-10-23 **Hereford** Lt Wt Steer **(Enter All Market Steers in this Lot)**
A-10-25 **Hereford** Heavy Wt Steer
A-11-23 **Shorthorn** Lt Wt Steer **(Enter All Market Steers in this Lot)**
A-11-25 **Shorthorn** Heavy Wt Steer
A-12-23 **Simmental** Lt Wt Steer **(Enter All Market Steers in this Lot)**
A-12-25 **Simmental** Heavy Wt Steer
A-13-23 **AOB** Lt Wt Steer **(Enter All Market Steers in this Lot)**
A-13-25 **AOB** Heavy Wt Steer
A-14-23 **Crossbred** Lt Wt Steer **(Enter All Market Steers in this Lot)**
A-14-24 **Crossbred** Med Wt Steer (Crossbred only if needed)
A-14-25 **Crossbred** Heavy Wt Steer

Champions

A-*-28	Champion Market Steer from each class	\$50 & Ribbon
A-*-29	Reserve Champion Market Steer from each class	\$30 & Ribbon
A-99-32	Grand Champion Market Steer	\$150 & Plaque
A-99-33	Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer	\$100 & Plaque

Beef Open & Junior Show Entry Form

Bureau County Fair August 26-30, 2026

Exhibitor Name _____ Email _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Social Security # _____

Entries must be made by 7:00 pm Monday August 17, 2026.
 All late entries & changes will be charged an additional \$1.00 per entry.
 No changes or entries allowed 24 hours before show.

Department	Open Show Per Entry Fee	Junior Show Per Entry Fee	Stall / Pen Fees
Breeding Show	_____ @ \$10.00 _____	_____ @ \$10.00 _____	_____ @ \$5.00 Per Head _____
Steer Show	_____ @ \$10.00 _____	_____ @ \$10.00 _____	_____ @ \$5.00 Per Head _____
	_____ @ \$5.00 Tack _____		
	TOTAL _____	TOTAL _____	TOTAL _____

Exhibitor Ticket number _____

Date Issued _____

NOTE: Children 12 and under and Life Members need not purchase an exhibitors ticket.

Open Show Entry Fee _____

Junior Show Entry Fee _____

Stall Fee _____

Exhibitor Ticket \$15.00 (each) _____

Camper Fee \$30.00 per day _____

Late Fee \$1.00 per entry _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

NO REFUNDS

Entries can be mailed to Bureau County Fair, P.O. Box 238, Princeton, IL 61356, hand-delivered to the office, faxed to 815-879-7005, or emailed info@bureaucountyfair.com. **ALL FORMS MUST ACCOMPANY FEE PAYMENT**

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