

Beef Cattle

Entry Procedures: You have three options available to make entries for the 2025 Fair.

1. **BY US MAIL:** Mailed entries must be postmarked by or prior to midnight **Friday, June 13, 2025**. Mail to: Jane Meyer, 1795 N 1800 East Rd, Thawville, IL 60968. Metered mail postmarks will not be honored. Entry fees, exhibitor's fees and requests for number of stalls and pens must accompany entry blanks or entry will not be accepted.
2. **IN PERSON:** Entries may be made in person at the fair office in Melvin, IL on **Monday, June 16, 2025 or Tuesday, June 17, 2025** between Noon and 4:00 p.m. either day. All entry fees, exhibitor's fees and pen or stall fees must be paid at the time of entry.
3. **ONLINE:** There is a link on the fair's website that will direct you to the entry site. The website address is www.fordcountyfair.org. Look for the link on this website. Payment for all entry fees, exhibitor's fees, requests for pens and stalls, as well as any additional user fees are required to be paid online by credit card provided the credit card feature is available. If the credit card feature is not available, all fees will be paid at the fair. Online entries will close on **Tuesday, June 17, 2025** at 9:00 p.m.

READ GENERAL RULES p.5 & p.19

One fan per three animals.

Please use stalls assigned.

Please provide Social Security Number.

DEPARTMENT A-BEEF CATTLE

Total Premiums \$12,355.00

Judging, Thursday, June 26, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Superintendent of Beef Cattle

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Exhibitor number must be worn while showing or exhibitor will not be placed. Numbers and passes must be picked up at the secretary's office starting on Monday.

Age Classifications

Registration papers must be available to the superintendent of the department when checking ear markings, ear tags, tattoos or other markings of identification. No unreadable marks will be accepted.

Senior Bull Calf - calved after September 1, 2024.

Yearling Bull - calved between September 1, 2023 and August 31, 2024.

Senior Heifer Calf - calved after September 1, 2024.

Late Summer Yearling Heifer - calved between July 1 and August 30, 2024.

Early Summer Yearling Heifer - calved between May 1 and June 30, 2024.

Late Junior Yearling Heifer - calved between March 1 and April 30, 2024.

Early Junior Yearling Heifer - calved between January 1 and February 28, 2024.

Senior Yearling Heifer - calved after September 1, 2023.

1. An entry fee of \$10.00 per head will be charged for each entry in the Open Class; \$5.00 in Junior Classes.
2. Stall rent will be \$10.00 per head.
3. An exhibitor's season ticket, \$10.00, must be purchased by exhibitor. Only one exhibitor's ticket will be allowed. Season tickets may be purchased at a price of \$20.00 if more passes are needed.
4. The entry fee, stall fee, and exhibitor's season ticket fee must accompany entry. No stall reserved unless stall fee is sent with entry.
5. Cattle must be in place by 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 24 and will be released after the open show on Thursday. **NO LATE ARRIVALS ACCEPTED.** No Cattle will be allowed on the fairgrounds before 5:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 22, 2025.
6. The show order will follow the age classifications.
7. All cattle must have registration papers.
8. Steers will declare weight.
9. Pair of Females - any age.
10. Pair of Calves - 1 bull and 1 female (senior bull and senior heifer calf).
11. Pair of yearlings - 1 bull and 1 female (junior or summer yearlings).
12. Read Health Requirements on pages 20-24. **NEW, All steers must have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI).**

Attention

Beef Exhibitors

Please note the arrival time is 9:00 a.m. on June 24 and the departure time is after the open show on June 26.

Department A

	Section 1 Angus	Section 2 Shorthorn	Section 3 Hereford	Section 4 Simmental	Section 6 All Other Breeds & Crossbreeds	Premiums				
						1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Senior bull calf	1	20	40	60	100	30	27	23	21	20
Yearling bull	5	24	44	64	104	30	27	23	21	20
Champion bull	6	25	45	65	105	40				
Reserve champion bull	7	26	46	66	106	35				
Senior heifer calf	8	27	47	67	107	50	44	38	34	30
Late summer yearling heifer	9	28	48	68	108	50	44	38	34	30
Early summer yearling heifer	10	29	49	69	109	50	44	38	34	30
Late junior yearling heifer	11	30	50	70	110	50	44	38	34	30
Early junior yearling heifer	12	31	51	71	111	50	44	38	34	30
Senior yearling heifer	13	32	52	72	112	50	44	38	34	30
Champion heifer	14	33	53	73	113	40				
Reserve champion heifer	15	34	54	74	114	35				
Pair of females	16	35	55	75	115	30	27	23	21	20
Pair of calves	17	36	56	76	116	30	27	23	21	20
Pair of yearlings	18	37	57	77	117	30	27	23	21	20

SECTION 7 - Champions

						Premiums				
						1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Champion bull overall	120					100				
Reserve champion bull overall	121					50				
Champion female overall	122					200				
Reserve champion female overall	123					100				

SECTION 8 - Steers

	Angus	Shorthorn	Hereford	Simmental	All Other Breeds & Crossbreeds		Premiums				
							1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Enter steers in the entry classes listed here.											
Entry Class →	1	2	3	4	6						
Lightweight steer	131	136	141	146	151		40	30	25	20	15
Medium weight steer	132	137	142	147	152		40	30	25	20	15
Heavyweight steer	133	138	143	148	153		40	30	25	20	15
Champion steer	134	139	144	149	155		Ribbon				
Reserve champion steer	135	140	145	150	156		Ribbon				
Grand champion steer											
overall breeds						162	200				
Reserve champion steer											
overall breeds						163	100				

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