
LIVESTOCK (DEPT. 3-16, 103-108 & 204) GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

- **IMPORTANT IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION:** ALL animals are required to meet Minnesota ID requirements. Information for approved official identification may be obtained by calling the MN Board of Animal Health at ☎ 651-296-2942 or 🌐 www.bah.state.mn.us/official-id/.
- Livestock competition is limited to Carver and adjoining counties, restriction of entries may be imposed.
- Livestock exhibitors are responsible for the care of their exhibit.
- Poultry and rabbit exhibitors will have feed provided by Carver County Fair staff. Exhibitors are responsible for care of animals.
- All barns/cages/pens on the premise have been sanitized with approved sanitation methods.
- A veterinarian is employed by the Carver County Agriculture Society to review animal health, determine if an entry meets all standards required for exhibition. The designated veterinarian has the authority to remove any animal that does not meet requirements of exhibition.
- Refer to 🌐 www.bah.state.mn.us for further information.

BEEF & DAIRY CATTLE (DEPARTMENTS 3, 4 & 204)

Superintendents:
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Joe Yetzer ☎ 952-567-4862

Eligible Entries:

- Cattle with breed-associated registration papers, registered under recorded owner
 - Animals shown by a youth in the 4-H/FFA show may be entered, registered or grade
 - Animals shown by a youth not in 4-H/FFA, but interested in participating, registered or grade
 - Limit two entries per class
- 📅 Entry Due Date: Wednesday, August 5, 2026
- In-person office entries close at 4:00 p.m. Exhibitor staff is available to assist the week prior.
 - Online entries close at midnight.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION:

- Reference 🌐 www.bah.state.mn.us/official-id/ and talk with your veterinarian regarding requirements for Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) using the Animal Identification Number (AIN) system for animals born after November 5, 2024. Also reference 🌐 www.aphis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/adt_device_ain.pdf which defines the use of the 840-identification system. **EVERY DAIRY ANIMAL** exhibited at the Carver County Fair is required to have ear tag identification.

Exhibit Notes:

- Stalling arrangements will be designated on Friday, prior to the Fair. Exhibitors may access their exhibit space following final stall placement, approximately 1:00 p.m.
- Bedding:
 - Beef exhibitors may pre-purchase bedding. Contact superintendent Joe Yetzer at ☎ 952-567-4862.
 - Dairy exhibitors will not be provided with bedding.
- Exhibit Availability:
 - Animals are required to be on exhibit Wednesday, noon, until Sunday, 8:00 p.m. Animals may begin to arrive Tuesday, late afternoon/evening.
 - Early departure will be granted by a superintendent due to concern of an animal's health
 - Unapproved early departures will forfeit premiums
 - All exhibitors with lactating dairy cattle will be assigned to parlor assignment. Specific times may be requested in the exhibitor's office.
- Exhibitor discounted gate passes are available to exhibitors who register, pay fees, and provide documents one week prior to the Fair.
- Large Animal Entry Fees
 - Entry fees are \$2.00 per head for Departments 3 & 4 (Open Class).
 - Entry fees are \$1.00 per head for Departments 103 & 104 (FFA).
 - No fees are required for group classes.
 - 4-H dairy exhibitors are required to register via the 4-H online system. The coordinators of the 4-H/FFA show also ask that 4-H exhibitors register via the Showworks system. See details under Department 204.

Notations:

- Beef Exhibitors: This show combines the open class (Department 3), 4-H (see 4-H online entry) and FFA (Department 103) to expedite the show. When necessary, classes will be held by department, as determined by show coordinators, to establish placings.
- Dairy judging will be held in one ring.

DEPARTMENT 3: BEEF

Judging: Friday, 3:00 p.m., Judges' Square

📋 Premiums: 4 places pay \$20, \$18, \$16, \$14

Division 2: Commercial
Division 4: Black Angus
Division 5: Red Angus
Division 6: Charolais
Division 8: Hereford
Division 9: Limousin
Division 12: Shorthorn
Division 13: Shorthorn Plus

Division 14: Simmental

Division 15: Simmental (registered,
but less than purebred)

Division 17: Other Registered

Class	Description	Birthdate
1	Spring Calf	1/1/26–4/30/26
2	Fall Calf	9/1/25–12/31/25
3	Summer Yearling	5/1/25–8/31/25
4	Junior Yearling	1/1/25–4/30/25
5	Senior Yearling	9/1/24–12/31/24
6	🏆 Champion Breeding (Ribbon)	
	🏆 Reserve Champion Breeding (Ribbon)	

Group Classes

📋 Premiums: Group classes: 4 places pay \$20, \$18, \$16, \$14

7	Cow/Calf Pair	Calf born on or after 1/1/26
8	Get of Sire	
9	Produce of Dam	
10	Breeder's Herd	

Division 30: Prospect Calf (Born 1/1/26–4/30/26)

📋 Premiums: Prospect Calf: 8 places pay \$18, \$16, \$14, \$12, \$10, \$8, \$6, \$6

Class 1: Heifer Calf – Beef, Dairy, or Crossbred

Class 2: Steer Calf – Beef, Dairy, or Crossbred

Class 3: 🏆 Champion (Ribbon)

🏆 Reserve Champion (Ribbon)

Division 40: Market Beef (Born 1/1/25–8/31/25)

📋 Premiums: Market Beef: 4 places pay \$20, \$18, \$16, \$14

Class 1: Market Steer

Class 2: Market Heifer

Class 3: 🏆 Champion (Ribbon)

🏆 Reserve Champion (Ribbon)

Division 50: Dairy Steer (Born 1/1/25–8/31/25)

📋 Premiums: Dairy Steer: 4 places pay \$20, \$18, \$16, \$14

Class 1: Dairy Steer

Class 2: Crossbred Dairy Steer

Class 3: 🏆 Champion (Ribbon)

🏆 Reserve Champion (Ribbon)

Division 60: Supreme Champion

🏆 Supreme Champion (Banner)

DEPARTMENT 4: DAIRY CATTLE

Judging: Friday, 9:00 a.m., Judges' Square

📋 Premiums:

- Junior classes: 8 places pay \$18, \$16, \$14, \$12, \$10, \$8, \$6, \$6
- Senior classes: 6 places pay \$30, \$25, \$20, \$15, \$13, \$11
- Group classes: 5 places pay \$18, \$16, \$14, \$12, \$10

Division A: Holstein

Division B: Guernsey

Division C: Jersey

Division D: Brown Swiss

Division E: Ayrshire

Division F: Milking Shorthorn

Class	Description	Birthdate
1	Spring Calf	3/1/26 or later
2	Winter Calf	12/1/25–2/28/26
3	Fall Calf	9/1/25–11/30/25
4	Summer Yearling	6/1/25–8/31/25
5	Spring Yearling	3/1/25–5/31/25
6	Winter Yearling	12/1/24–2/28/25
7	Fall Yearling	9/1/24–11/30/24
8	🏆 Junior Champion (Ribbon)	
	🏆 Reserve Jr Champion (Ribbon)	
9	Jr Best Three	Three unfreshened entries, bred and owned by one exhibitor
10	Dry Cow	Before 8/31/23
12	Milking Yearling	After 9/1/24
14	2 Yr Old, Jr	3/1/24–8/31/24
16	2 Yr Old, Sr	9/1/23–2/29/24
18	3 Yr Old, Jr	3/1/23–8/31/23
20	3 Yr Old, Sr	9/1/22–2/28/23
22	🏆 Intermediate Champion (Ribbon)	
	🏆 Reserve Int. Champion (Ribbon)	
24	4 Yr Old	9/1/21–8/31/22
26	5 Yr Old	9/1/20–8/31/21
28	6 Yr Old and Older	Before 9/1/20
30	125,000 Pound Cow	Provide production records with entry form
32	🏆 Senior Champion (Ribbon)	
	🏆 Reserve Sr Champion (Ribbon)	
33	🏆 Grand Champion (Ribbon)	
	🏆 Reserve Grand Champion (Ribbon)	
34	🏆 Novice Class (Ribbon)	
35	🏆 Supreme Jr Champion (Banner)	
36	🏆 Supreme Sr Champion (Banner)	

Group Classes

37	Best Three Females	Three entries, bred and owned by one exhibitor
38	Dairy Herd	Three animals in milk, shown by one exhibitor
39	Produce of Dam	Two animals, any age, produce of one cow
40	Dam/Daughter	Two animals, any age, dam and her daughter

Division A only – Automatically entered in following classes

42	🏆 Premier Breeder	Ribbon
43	🏆 Premier Exhibitor	Ribbon

DEPARTMENT 204: 4-H DAIRY CATTLE

4-H dairy exhibitors, please provide final registration information for 4-H animals that will be exhibited at the Carver County Fair in our online Showworks system one week prior to the fair. This will help our office prepare for Thursday's 4-H/FFA dairy show. No entry fee is required. 🌐 www.carvercountyfair.com/exhibit

Division AY: Ayshire

Division BS: Brown Swiss

Division CB: Crossbred

Division GU: Guernsey

Division HG: Holstein, Grade

Division HR: Holstein, Registered

Division JE: Jersey

Division MS: Milking Shorthorn

Division RW: Red and White

Individual Classes

Class Description	Birthdate
1 Spring Calf	3/1/26 or later
2 Winter Calf	12/1/25–2/28/25
3 Fall Calf	9/1/25–11/30/25
4 Summer Yearling	6/1/25–8/31/25
5 Spring Yearling	3/1/25–5/31/25
6 Winter Yearling	12/1/24–2/28/25
7 Fall Yearling	9/1/24–11/30/24
8 🏆 Junior Champion (Ribbon)	
🏆 Reserve Jr Champion (Ribbon)	
9 Milking Yearling	After 9/1/24
10 Dry Cow	Before 8/31/23
11 2 Yr Old, Jr	3/1/24–8/31/24
12 2 Yr Old, Sr	9/1/23–2/29/24
13 3 Yr Old	9/1/22–8/31/23
14 4 Yr Old	9/1/21–8/31/22
15 5 Yr Old and Older	Before 9/1/21
16 🏆 Senior Champion (Ribbon)	
🏆 Reserve Sr Champion (Ribbon)	

Group Classes

20 Best Three Females	Three entries, bred and owned by one exhibitor
60 Showmanship	No premium offered