

Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

2026 Market Beef

- Division 1
- Entry Fee: \$25 per entry
- Department 915

Entries Close:	Monday, July 27th
Arrival of Cattle:	Saturday, August 29th from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Exhibitors Meeting	Sunday, August 30th @ 8:45 a.m.
Ear Tagging and Inspection:	Sunday, August 30th at 9:00 a.m.
Weight Declarations:	Sunday, August 30th 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Showmanship:	Sunday, August 30th @ 5:00 p.m.
Show:	Monday, August 31st @ 9:00 a.m.
Begin Release:	Monday, August 31st following Show
All non-sale Market Beef must be out of the barn	Monday, August 31st @ 9:00 p.m.

- **Limited To Four (4) Market Beef Per Exhibitor**
- **All Market Beef must submit DNA samples within the required time limits**

Competition Requirements

1. All entrants must have read and be familiar with the General Competition Requirements, Livestock and Small Animal Competition Requirements, Junior Livestock Competition Requirements, Junior Livestock Sale Participation Requirements, Animal Welfare Policy, and Livestock Health Requirements. Exhibitors must comply with the Wholesome Meat provisions

and the Colorado State Fair Exhibitor Code of Conduct. Exhibitors are encouraged to read and be fully informed of the contents of the Drug Residue Avoidance Guidelines.

2. All exhibitors in Open, Junior Breeding, and Market shows must submit a premises identification (PID) number at entry. PID may be obtained by calling 303-869-9130 using this link: <https://ag.colorado.gov/animals/colorado-location-identification-lid-registration-premises>

3. Bedding: Exhibitors are responsible for their own livestock bedding. Entry into competition at the Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition (“State Fair”) does not include bedding.

Exhibitors may pre-order bedding and shavings through the official bedding vendor or bedding and shavings will be available to purchase on-grounds from said vendor upon arrival. The phone number and order portal will be posted on the Fair’s website.

Straw may only be used for Breeding Sheep, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, and for Open Breeding Cattle tie-outs. All other uses of straw are prohibited.

Outside bedding for livestock exhibitors is permitted.

4. Market Beef Classes are open to steers and heifers. Steers and heifers must weigh a minimum of 1,050 pounds to be eligible to compete in the market classes.
5. All heifers must be accompanied by a certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian verifying the heifer is pregnancy tested OPEN within 30 days of the State Fair.
6. Steers and heifers will be shown by weight. Steers and heifers will be divided by sex into classes as appropriate by the State Fair Superintendents. Heifers will compete in a heifer class. All steers placing first in a class will compete in the Grand Champion Drive. Second place class winner from the class from which the Grand Champion Market Beef is selected may be considered for Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef. Heifers will compete equally with the steers in the Grand Champion Drive.
7. Entry Numbers: Each entry will be assigned a number. Exhibitors will be provided with entry numbers. The exhibitor must display these numbers when the animal is in the show ring.

8. There will be no official weigh-in of Market Beef. Scales will be available for the exhibitors' use until the deadline for turning in the weight nomination form. The exhibitor must obtain an official weight nomination form when the animal is inspected. The official weight nomination form must be turned into the Livestock Office no later than the deadline listed above. The weight(s) indicated on the weight nomination form will be the official show weight. There will be no weight changes after the weight nomination form has been turned in.
9. A water container with water must be visible and available for watering regularly in each penned/stalled area at all times. NO feeding or watering of livestock in show rings, holding pens, or to and from re-weigh stations will be permitted. At its discretion, State Fair officials reserve the right to contact an Authority veterinarian to determine if water should be given. Drenching for hydration purposes will be allowed. No stomach pumping will be permitted.
10. Market beef exhibitors may use nose rings or tongs to control their animals.
11. Exhibitors are only allowed in the beef show ring staging areas.
12. After each class of Market Beef has been placed, show officials will weigh the top five animals on the official scale. Market Beef cannot deviate more than 5% above or below the declared show weight as previously designated by the exhibitor on the weight card. If any Market Beef is weighed out, it will be disqualified, and the remaining animals will be moved up in placing. The disqualified beef is not eligible for any other class and will not be reweighed.
13. Any violation of the General Livestock Competition Requirements and Junior Livestock Competition Requirements regarding fitting of livestock may result in disciplinary action. No aerosols in the show arena or holding pens
14. Once the sale beef have been determined, those animals will be moved to a showcase area designated by the Livestock Superintendents. All equipment, except those items needed to feed and water animals and clean stalls, shall be removed from the barn. The Authority will provide each exhibitor with shavings for use in the new stalling area.
15. This is a terminal show only for the Junior Market Beef selected for the Junior Livestock Sale. There is no buy-back consignment offered through the Authority. Market Beef that does not make the sale will be released to the exhibitor after the final sale order is posted. Market Beef

exhibitors are encouraged to utilize sound biosecurity practices upon departure from the fairgrounds; recommended biosecurity procedures are available in the Livestock Office.

1701. Market Beef Class- Heifers

- Premiums & Rosettes

1751. Market Beef Class- Steers

- Premiums & Rosettes

Premium Schedule

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
\$40	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$10	\$5	\$5

Grand Champion Market Beef

Grand Champion Drive: Monday, August 31st, ½ hour after the show's completion. The 1st–place class winners will compete, and the 2nd-place class winners may be considered for Reserve Grand Champion.

1798. Grand Champion Market Beef

- Buckle by Colorado Livestock Association
- Trophy by Colorado Livestock Association
- Traveling trophy by CSU Animal Sciences Department
- Banner by Colorado State Fair Authority

1799. Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef

- Buckle by Zoetis
- Trophy by Colorado Cattlemen's Assoc.
- Banner by Colorado State Fair Authority

1800. Third Overall Market Beef

- Banner by Zoetis

1801. Fourth Overall Market Beef

- Banner by Zoetis

1802. Fifth Overall Market Beef

- Banner by Zoetis

Market Beef Showmanship - Blow and Go

- Show: Sunday, August 30th @ 5:00 p.m.
- Division 25
- No Fee
- Department 915

Market Beef Showmanship Competition Requirements:

1. No Pre-entry or Entry Fee is required. Exhibitors may sign up at time of inspection and weight declaration.
2. Classes are limited to exhibitors with Market Beef entries. Exhibitors must show their own animals.
3. Show order will be Junior – Intermediate – Senior
4. Three age divisions are offered, with exhibitor age considered as of December of the past year.
5. The judge will consider the animal's appearance, the exhibitor's showmanship ability, and the exhibitor's appearance, courtesy, and knowledge.
6. Rosettes will be awarded to 1st through 6th place in each division. No premiums will be paid for Showmanship.

1771. Junior Division (8-10 yrs of age)

- Champion Buckle by Blue Ribbon Processing
- Award by Colorado State Fair Authority

1773. Intermediate Division (11-13 yrs of age)

- Champion Buckle by Blue Ribbon Processing
- Award by Colorado State Fair Authority

1775. Senior Division (14-18 yrs of age)

- Champion Buckle by Blue Ribbon Processing
- Framed Scholarship Certificate by N.J.C.

Market Beef Special Award Donors

Blue Ribbon Processing, Erica Mason, P. O. Box 7, Fowler, CO 81039, provides the buckles awarded to the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions Champion Showmen.

Colorado Cattlemen's Association, 8833 Ralston Road, Arvada, CO 80002, will present a trophy to the Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef exhibitor. The CCA gives complimentary Junior Colorado Cattlemen's Memberships to all Division Champions and Reserve Champions.

Colorado Livestock Association, Zach Riley, 2425 35th Avenue, Suite 202, Greeley, CO 80634, provides the buckle and a trophy awarded to the Grand Champion Market Beef Exhibitor.

Colorado State University, Department of Animal Sciences, 1171 Campus Delivery, Fort Collins, CO, provides the traveling trophy for the Grand Champion Market Beef.

Northeastern Junior College; 100 College Avenue, Sterling, CO 80751; awards a \$1,000.00 scholarship to NJC to the Senior Division Showmanship winner. A framed Scholarship Certificate will be presented at the show.

The Colorado Gelbvieh Association; Bill Wilkinson, 23115 CR 111.3 Model, CO 81059, will award \$100.00 to the Grand Champion Junior. Market Beef exhibitor provided the calf, which is a Gelbvieh cross sired by a Gelbvieh bull. Verification from the breeder of the sire must be provided.

The Colorado Simmental Association, Susan Russell, 24614 Road G, Sugar City, CO 81076, will pay \$100.00 to the Grand Champion Junior. Market Beef exhibitor and \$50.00 to the Reserve Grand Champion exhibitor, provided the calf is sired by a registered Simmental bull.

Zoetis; Ben Cooley, 302 Clark Street, Sterling, CO 80756, awards the buckle given the Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef and the banners awarded to the Third through Fifth Overall Market Beef.

Thank You to All Our Award Donors!