

Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

2026 Junior Breeding Heifers

- Division # (See individual breed)
- Department 912
- Entry Fee \$25 per entry

Entries Close:	Monday, August 10 th
Begin Arrival:	Saturday, August 29 th at 7:00 a.m.
In Place:	Sunday, August 30 th at 12:00 noon
Weigh (Optional):	Sunday, August 30 th at 3:00 p.m.
Show:	Monday, August 31 st at 2:00 p.m.
Supreme Selection:	Monday, August 31 st - half an hour after the last class
Begin Release:	After Supreme Selection
All Out:	Monday, August 31 st at 7:00 am

Competition Requirements

1. All entrants must have read and be familiar with the General Terms and Conditions, General Livestock and Small Animal Competition Requirements, Junior Livestock Competition Requirements, Colorado State Fair Exhibitor Code of Conduct, Animal Welfare Policy, and Livestock Health Requirements. When applicable, all association rules shall apply.
2. All entrants for livestock exhibited in Open, Breed, or Market competitions shall provide a valid Premises Identification number (PID) at the time of entry. To obtain a PID, contact the Colorado Department of Agriculture at 303-869-9130 or click on the following 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.

4. 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.

5. Colorado residency is not required. Exhibitors must be 4-H members (being 8 years of age and not having reached their 19th birthday as of December 31, 2025); in FFA and active in an approved Vocational Agriculture school program as of January 1, 2026 (not to have reached their 19th birthday as of December 31, 2025); or be a member of a Junior Breeding Association (being 8 years of age not to have reached their 21st birthday as of December 31, 2025).

6. ENTRY NUMBERS: Each entry will be assigned a number. Entry numbers will be provided to all exhibitors. The exhibitor must display these numbers when the animal is in the show ring.

7. Registration papers for all heifers must be in the sole name of the exhibitor by July 20th of the current year. Original registrations must be available for inspection by Authority officials or breed association representatives during check-in. All heifers must be entered and shown by the registered owner of said animal. Only the registered owner may show an animal in Showmanship if an exhibitor elects to participate in Showmanship.

8. All calves shown in Cow/Calf classes must be halter broke and shown at halter. Calves must be shown with their natural mother in the Cow/Calf class for the calf to be eligible to show in an individual calf class.

9. Showmanship classes will be an all-breed combined show awarded by the Authority. Individual associations may give breed awards. The show will be limited to junior exhibitors only with breeding heifers. Pre-entry is required; no entry fee is required.

10. Authority officials have the right to combine any classes with fewer than 5 animals.

11. Ribbons and Premiums will be awarded 1st through 6th place in all classes.
12. See Junior Beef Award Specials for individual association qualifications and rules and specials offered.
13. There is no limit to the number of animals an exhibitor may enter in this show or in any one of these classes. Premiums will be paid in accordance with the premium schedule listed.

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*Entries in the Colorado Angus Assn. Bred and Owned class will be limited to one heifer per exhibitor. Registration certificate must list the exhibitor as both breeder and owner. Pre-entry required, no entry fee is required. American Angus Association (AAA) rules will apply.

- Division 912.011
- Entry Fee \$25 per entry
- \$1,050 In Premiums Offered

Class No.	Premium
1401. Junior Heifer Calves, calved on or after March 1, 2026	A
1402. Junior Heifer Calves calved February 2026	A
1403. Junior Heifer Calves calved January 2026	A
1404. Junior Heifer Calf Champion	R
1405. Junior Heifer Calf Reserve Champion	R
1406. Late Senior Heifer Calves calved Nov.-Dec., 2025	A
1407. Early Senior Heifer Calves calved Sept.-Oct., 2025	A
1408. Senior Heifer Calf Champion	R
1409. Senior Heifer Calf Reserve Champion	R

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1410. Late Summer Yearling Heifers calved July-Aug., 2025	A
1411. Early Summer Yearling Heifers calved May-June, 2025	A
1412. Intermediate Heifer Champion	R
1413. Intermediate Heifer Reserve Champion	R
1414. April Junior Yearling Heifers calved April 2025	A
1415. March Junior Yearling Heifers calved March 2025	A
1416. Early Junior Yearling Heifers calved February 2025	A
1417. Early Junior Yearling Heifers calved January 2025	A
1418. Junior Heifer Champion	R
1419. Junior Heifer Reserve Champion	R
1420. Late Senior Yearling Heifers calved Nov.-Dec., 2024	A
1421. Early Senior Yearling Heifers calved Sept.-Oct., 2024	A
1422. Senior Heifer Champion	R
1423. Senior Heifer Reserve Champion	R
1424. Champion Angus Heifer	B and Banner by Colorado State Fair Authority
1425. Res. Champion Angus Heifer	C and Banner by Colorado State Fair Authority
1426. Cow/Calf Class (cows 3 yrs. of age or younger with most recent natural calf no more than 280 days old on show day)	A
1427. Cow/Calf Class (cows 4 yrs. of age and older with most recent natural calf no more than 280 days old on show day)	A
1428. Champion Cow/Calf Pair	R

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1429. Reserve Champion Cow/Calf Pair	R
1430. Colo. Angus Assn. Bred & Owned Heifer	Award by Colo. Angus Assn.
1431.*Champion Bred & Owned Heifer	Banner by Colorado Angus Assn.
1432. *Res. Champion Bred & Owned Heifer	Banner by Colorado Angus Assn.
1433. JUNIOR ANGUS SHOWMANSHIP (will follow the all-breed showmanship)	
Champion & Res. Champion	Banners from Colorado Angus Assn.

Junior Gelbvieh Heifers

- Division 912.001
- Entry Fee \$25 per entry
- \$1,050 In Premiums Offered

Class No.	Premium
1421. Junior Heifer Calves calved on or after Jan. 1, 2026	A
1422. Senior Heifer Calves, calved Sept-Dec, 2025	A
1423. Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May-Aug, 2025	A
1424. Spring Yearling Heifers, calved Mar-Apr, 2025	A
1425. Junior Yearling Heifers, calved Jan-Feb, 2025	A
1426. Senior Yearling Heifers, calved Sept-Dec, 2024	A
1427. Cow/Calf Pair	A
1428. Champion Gelbvieh Heifer	B and Award by Colo. Gelbvieh Assn.

1429. Res. Champion Gelbvieh Heifer

C and Award by Colo. Gelbvieh Assn.

Junior Balancer Heifers

- Division 912.002
- Entry Fee \$25 per entry
- \$1,050 In Premiums Offered

Class No.	Premium
1430. Junior Heifer Calves calved on or after Jan. 1, 2026	A
1431. Senior Heifer Calves, calved Sept-Dec, 2025	A
1432. Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May-Aug, 2025	A
1433. Spring Yearling Heifers, calved Mar-Apr, 2025	A
1434. Junior Yearling Heifers, calved Jan-Feb, 2025	A
1435. Senior Yearling Heifers, calved Sept-Dec, 2025	A
1436. Cow/Calf Pair	A
1437. Champion Balancer Heifer	B and Award by Colo. Gelbvieh Assn.
1438. Res. Champion Balancer Heifer	C and Award by Colo. Gelbvieh Assn.

Junior Hereford Heifers

- Division 912.003
- Entry Fee \$25 per entry
- \$1,050 In Premiums Offered

Junior Breeding Heifers

Class No.	Premium
1500. Spring Heifer Calves, calved March 1 – June 30	A
1501. Junior Heifer Calves, calved Jan. 1 – Feb. 29	A
1502. Senior Heifer Calves, calved November 1 – December 31	A
1503. Senior Heifer Calves, calved Aug. 1 – Oct. 31	A
1504. Late Summer Yearling Females, calved June 16 to July 31	A
1505. Early Summer Yearling Females, calved May 1 – June 15	A
1506. Spring Yearling Females, calved March 1 to April 30	A
1507. Junior Yearling Females, calved Jan 1 to Feb. 29	A
1508. Senior Yearling Females, calved Aug. 1 to Dec. 31	A
1509. Cow/Calf Pair	A
1520. Champion Hereford Heifer	B and Banner by CO Jr. Hereford Assn.
1521. Res. Champion Hereford Heifer	C and Banner by CO Jr. Hereford Assn.

Junior Maine-Anjou Heifers

The Rocky Mountain Maine-Anjou Association requires that exhibitors showing in the Colorado State Fair Junior Breeding Heifer show be dues-paying members of the Rocky Mountain Maine-Anjou Association. If an exhibitor's dues are not current, cattle must be shown as Other Purebred Cattle. For questions, contact Brian Fox at 970-313-7224.

- Division 912.004
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Class No.	Premium
1481. Junior Heifer Calves, calved on or after Jan. 1, 2026	A
1482. Senior Heifer Calves, calved Sep-Dec, 2025	A
1483. Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May-Aug, 2025	A
1484. Spring Yearling Heifers, calved Mar-Apr, 2025	A
1485. Junior Yearling Heifers, calved Jan-Feb, 2025	A
1486. Senior Yearling Heifers, calved Sep-Dec, 2024	A
1487. Cow/Calf Pair, cow born on or after Jan. 1, 2021 with her 2026 calf at side	A
1488. Champion Maine Heifer	B and Banner by Rky. Mtn. Maine-Anjou Assn.
1489. Res. Champion Maine Heifer	C and Banner by Rky. Mtn. Maine-Anjou Assn.

Junior Maintainer Heifers

- Division 912.005
- Entry fee \$25 per entry
- \$1,050 In Premiums Offered

Class No.	Premium
1490. Junior Heifer Calves calved on or after Jan. 1, 2026	A
1491. Senior Heifer Calves, calved Sept-Dec, 2025	A
1492. Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May-Aug, 2025	A
1493. Spring Yearling Heifers, calved Mar-Apr, 2025	A
1494. Junior Yearling Heifers, calved Jan-Feb, 2025	A

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1495. Senior Yearling Heifers, calved Sept-Dec, 2024	A
1496. Cow/Calf Pair, cow born on or after Jan. 1, 2021, with her 2026 calf at side	A
1497. Champion Maintainer Heifer	B and Banner by Rky. Mtn. Maine-Anjou Assn.
1498. Res. Champ. Maintainer Heifer	C and Banner by Rky. Mtn. Maine-Anjou Assn.

Junior Other Purebred Heifers

- Division 912.006
- Entry Fee \$25 per entry
- \$1,050 In Premiums Offered

Class No.	Premium
1550. Junior Heifer Calves, calved on or after Jan. 1, 2026	A
1551. Senior Heifer Calves, calved Sept-Dec, 2025	A
1552. Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May-Aug., 2025	A
1553. Spring Yearling Heifers, calved Mar-Apr., 2025	A
1554. Junior Yearling Heifers, calved Jan-Feb, 2025	A
1555. Senior Yearling Heifers, calved Sept-Dec, 2024	A
1556. Cow/Calf Pair	A
1557. Champion Other Purebred Heifer	B
1558. Res. Champion Other Purebred Heifer	C

Junior Shorthorn Heifers

- Division 912.007
- Entry Fee \$25 per entry
- \$1,505 In Premiums Offered

Class No.	Premium
1561. Junior Heifer Calves, calved on or after Jan. 1, 2026	A
1562. Senior Heifer Calves, calved Sept-Dec, 2025	A
1563. Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May-Aug, 2025	A
1564. Spring Yearling Heifers, calved Mar-Apr, 2025	A
1565. Junior Yearling Heifers, calved Jan-Feb, 2025	A
1566. Senior Yearling Heifers, calved Sept-Dec, 2024	A
1567. Cow/Calf Pair	A
1568. Champion Shorthorn Heifer	B and Banner by Rky. Mtn. Shorthorn Assn.
1569. Res. Champion Shorthorn Heifer	C and Banner by Rky. Mtn. Shorthorn Assn.
1570. Rky. Mtn. Shorthorn Select Futurity	Award by Rocky Mtn. Shorthorn Assn.

(All heifers shown in Futurity class must have been purchased from the RMSA Shorthorn Select Sale)

Junior Shorthorn-Plus Heifers

- Division 912.008
- Entry Fee \$25 per entry
- \$1,050 In Premiums Offered

Class No.	Premium
1571. Junior Heifer Calves calved on or after Jan. 1, 2026	A
1572. Senior Heifer Calves, calved Sept-Dec 2025	A
1573. Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May - Aug 2025	A
1574. Spring Yearling Heifers, calved Mar-Apr, 2025	A
1575. Junior Yearling Heifers, calved Jan - Feb 2025	A
1576. Senior Yearling Heifers, calved Sept-Dec 2024	A
1577. Cow/Calf Pair	A
1578. Champion Shorthorn Plus Heifer	Award by Kruse Ranch
	B and Banner by Rky. Mtn. Shorthorn Assn
1579. Res. Champ. Shorthorn Plus Heifer	C and Banner by Rky. Mtn. Shorthorn Assn
1580. Rky. Mtn. Shorthorn Select Futurity	Award by Rocky Mtn. Shorthorn Assn.

(All heifers shown in Futurity class must have been purchased from the RMSA Shorthorn Select Sale)

Junior Simmental Heifers

- Division 912.009
- Entry Fee \$25 per entry
- \$1,050 In Premiums Offered

Class No.	Premium
1521. Junior Heifer Calves, calved on or after Jan. 1, 2026	A
1522. Senior Heifer Calves, calved Sept-Dec, 2025	A
1523. Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May-Aug, 2025	A
1524. Spring Yearling Heifers, calved Mar-Apr, 2025	A
1525. Junior Yearling Heifers, calved Jan-Feb, 2025	A
1526. Senior Yearling Heifers, calved Sept-Dec, 2024	A
1527. Cow / Calf pair	A
1528. Champion Simmental Heifer	B and Award by Colo. Simmental Assn.
1529. Res. Champion Simmental Heifer	C

Junior SimGenetics Heifers

- Division 912.010
- Entry Fee \$25 per entry
- \$1,050 In Premiums Offered

Class No.	Premium
1530. Junior Heifer Calves calved on or after Jan. 1, 2026	A

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1531. Senior Heifer Calves, calved Sept-Dec, 2025	A
1532. Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May-Aug, 2025	A
1533. Spring Yearling Heifers, calved Mar-Apr, 2025	A
1534. Junior Yearling Heifers, calved Jan-Feb, 2025	A
1535. Senior Yearling Heifers, calved Sept-Dec, 2024	A
1536. Cow / Calf Pair	A
1537. Champion SimGenetics Heifer	B and Award by Colo. Simmental Assn.
1538. Res. Champion SimGenetics Heifer	C

Junior Crossbred Heifers

- Division 912.011
- Entry Fee \$25 per entry
- \$1,050 In Premiums Offered

Class No.	Premium
1541. Junior Heifer Calves, calved on or after Jan. 1, 2026	A
1542. Senior Heifer Calves, calved Sept-Dec 2025	A
1543. Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May - Aug 2025	A
1544. Spring Yearling Heifers, calved Mar-Apr 2025	A
1545. Junior Yearling Heifers, calved Jan - Feb 2025	A
1546. Senior Yearling Heifers, calved Sept-Dec 2024	A
1547. Cow/Calf Pair	A

1548. Champion Crossbred Heifer

B

1549. Res. Champion Crossbred Heifer

C

Premium Schedule (all breeds)	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place	5th Place	6th Place
A	\$75	\$60	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20
B \$50 & Rosette						
C \$25 & Rosette						

Supreme Champion Selection

- Division 100
- \$1,000 In Premiums

Class No.

1699. Supreme Champion Junior Heifer

- \$1,000 by Colorado Farm Bureau - Tara Nollen Agency
- Traveling trophy from CSU Animal Sciences
- Banner from Colorado State Fair Authority

1700. Res. Supreme Champion Junior Heifer

- Buckle by Colorado State Fair Authority Board of Commissioners
- Banner by Colorado State Fair Authority

Showmanship - All Junior Breeding Heifers Breeds

- Division 25
- No Entry Fee

Shows to follow Junior Breeding Heifer classes: Pre-register

Class#:	Premium
1601. Champion Senior Showmanship all breeds' ages (4-H 14-18) (FFA & Breed Assn 14-21)	Buckle by Frontier Genetics
1602. Champion Interm. Showmanship all breeds' ages (11-13)	Buckle by Frontier Genetics
1603. Champion Junior Showmanship all breeds' ages (8-10)	Buckle by Frontier Genetics

Junior Breeding Heifer Special Awards

Colorado Junior Hereford Association will award banners to the Champion and Reserve Champion Jr. Breeding heifers.

Colorado State Fair Authority Board Of Commissioners will award the Reserve Supreme Champion Junior Breeding Heifer a buckle.

Colorado State University, Department of Animal Sciences, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80501; will present a traveling trophy for the Supreme Jr. Breeding Heifer.

Ent Credit Union will present a \$1,000 cash award to the Supreme Junior Breeding Heifer.

Frontier Genetics, Mark Reitzenstein, DVM, 22848 Co Rd. 51, Kersey, CO 80644-9047, will award buckles to the Champion Showman in each division (Senior, Intermediate, and Junior).

Kruse Ranch, Kimball, NE, will award the Grand Champion Junior Shorthorn-Plus Heifer a cash award (paid with premiums).

The American Angus Association, 3201 Frederick Boulevard, Saint Joseph, MO 64501, will participate in premiums offered in individual classes for Junior Angus heifers, as included in its

standard show classifications, according to the premium schedule based on the number of head shown.

- The premium assistance provided by the American Angus Association for participation in this show is in addition to the premiums offered by the show itself.
- The premium assistance should not be used to offset show expenses and shall be included in the premium payments distributed by the show to the exhibitors.
- A minimum of fifteen (15) head must be shown in the junior Angus heifer classes to receive American Angus Association premium participation.
- The show is not required to have all classes to be eligible for premiums.
- Separate classes for bred and owned heifers may be held if the size of the show merits a separate class.
- To be eligible for association premiums the entries must be recorded in the sole name of the junior exhibitor and the issue date on the registration certificate must conform to the individual show's requirements regarding ownership.
- The Association's contribution is included in the total premiums listed in each class.
- Premiums from the Association are paid only to registered Angus cattle and only if the registration number is a part of the show report provided to the Association.
- All cattle should be registered at the time of entry to make certain they receive the Association's portion of premiums.
- The Association does not pay on premiums offered in championship classes.
- An animal may only be counted one time toward the total count for premium participation by the Association.
- Exhibitors must have the original registration certificate issued by the American Angus Association available for inspection at the show for each animal or other current proof of ownership issued by the American Angus Association pedigree look up.

- Any animal, upon check-in, which does not have a legible identification mark (ear tattoo marks, freeze-branded marks or hot-branded marks) corresponding to the identification mark on the registration certificate, is ineligible to show.
- Once disqualified due to an incorrect or illegible permanent identification mark, animals cannot be re-identified (tattooed/branded) and rechecked at the show.
- Any female shown with a calf at side: the calf must be the cow's most recent natural calf, and the calf must be registered by show day and have proof of registration at check in. Only one person at a time shall lead an animal into the show ring.
- Exhibitors who participate in shows that accept premium monies contributed by the American Angus Association are subject to the Association Rules as found in the Breeders' Reference Guide of the Association. These rules are found in Part Two; Association Rules.
- The rules relating directly with the exhibition of Angus cattle are Part 2; Association Rules; Rule 800 Series, including Rule 800-810. These rules can be found at www.angus.org.
- Altering the conformation and/or appearance of an animal for exhibition is prohibited. This includes the covering of white skin, false tail heads (or use of any false hair), with the exception of false tail switches.
- The use of graphite, powders, hemp or other similar substances used externally are also prohibited.
- Other prohibited products include those used internally such as steroids, illegal or unlicensed pharmaceuticals or artificial filling. Any animal found to be in violation will be barred from showing.
- At any show for which the American Angus Association appropriates funds toward the payment of premiums, no exhibitors, individuals assisting exhibitors or member owners at such show shall be allowed to use any coloring agents, on any animal exhibited.
- The Association may adopt and implement various tests designed to monitor this prohibition, including but not limited to, a "white towel" or "white glove" test.

- No aerosol cans or other pressurized containers will be allowed in designated line up areas.
- All animals exhibited are subject to DNA marker or blood type test to verify accuracy of parentage as covered under the Association Rules and for other testing as required by the individual show.
- Authorized representatives of the Association have the authority to enforce the rules set forth herein as well as in the Association Rules, including the barring of a registered animal from a livestock show at which it is to be shown, if there are reasonable grounds to believe a violation has occurred.

The Colorado Angus Association will provide awards for the Champion and Reserve Champion Colorado Bred and Owned Heifer. Each exhibitor may show only one animal in this class, and the exhibitor must be listed as both breeder and owner on the registration certificate. The Champion Heifer will receive \$200, and the Reserve Champion Heifer will receive \$150. The Association will provide Champion and Res. Champion Colorado Angus Showmanship Banners.

The Colorado Simmental Association offers 20% of the total premiums. The Colorado State Fair will pay 80% of the total premiums offered. Full payment will be made from the Colorado State Fair. To be eligible to show, heifer entries and registration papers must be recorded in the sole name of the junior exhibitor and the date of transfer or ownership must conform to the individual show requirements. Only 1/2 blood or higher percentage Simmental females, which are registered in the American Simmental Association, will be eligible for Association premiums. Original registration certificate on each animal must be available for inspection at the show. Any animal not having a legible tattoo, which matches the registration certificate, will be barred from the show. The Colorado Simmental Association also offers a special award to the Champion Simmental Heifer & Champion SimGenetics Heifer of the Junior Show.

The Rocky Mountain Maine-Anjou Association, c/o Brian Fox, 970-313-7224, offers 20% of the total regular premiums offered in the individual breeding classes of the Junior Maine-Anjou Heifer show. The Colorado State Fair will pay 80% of the total regular premiums. Payment will be made directly from the Colorado State Fair. Original registration certificates for all animals must be available

for inspection at the show to qualify for specials offered. RMMAA offers banners to the Champion and Reserve Champion Heifer. Open Maine-Anjou heifers may be MaineTainer (1/4%) to purebred. MaineTainer heifers may also be shown if they are out of a non-registered bull, but out of at least a ½ blood-registered Maine cow. Open Maine-Anjou bulls may be MaineTainer (1/4%) to purebred and must be out of a registered Maine bull. Original registration certificates on all animals must be presented before the show. Show officials will inspect certificates and corresponding tattoos.

The Rocky Mountain Shorthorn Association, Rick Leone, 1050 County Road JJ, Fowler, CO 81039, will offer a banner to the Champion and Reserve Champion Shorthorn & Champion and Reserve Champion Shorthorn-Plus Junior Breeding Heifer and offers a \$250 cash award for the Champion of the Rocky Mountain Shorthorn Association Futurity. Futurity is limited to heifers in the Rocky Mountain Junior Shorthorn Association sale as part of the Peak View Production Sale.

Thank You to All Our Award Donors!