

Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

2026 Open Gelbvieh & Balancer

- Entry Fee \$35 per entry
- \$9,050 in Premiums

Entries Close:	Monday, August 10 th
Begin Arrive:	Monday, August 31 st at 8:00 a.m.
All In Place:	Monday, August 31 st at 5:00 a.m.
Weigh-ins open for all breeds:	Tuesday, September 1 st – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Open Bull Show:	Wednesday, September 2 nd at 9:00 a.m.
Open Female Show:	Wednesday, September 2 nd following Bull Show
Cow/Calf Classes:	Following Female Show
Association Specials:	Following Female Show
Supreme Bull & Female Selection:	Wednesday, September 2 nd at 4:00 p.m.
Begin Release:	Wednesday, September 2 nd at 5:00 p.m.
All Out:	Thursday, September 3 rd at 7:00 a.m.

Competition Requirements

1. All entrants must have read and be familiar with the General Competition Requirements, Livestock and Small Animal 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.

Straw may only be used for dairy cattle, dairy goats, breeding sheep, and open breeding cattle tie-outs. All other uses of straw are prohibited.

Outside bedding for livestock exhibitors is permitted.

4. Original registration papers must be available for inspection at the show. To be eligible for the Balancer Show registration papers, you must have a "Balancer Registration Certificate."
5. All animals in the Traditional Show must be 75% Gelbvieh blood or greater and registered in the AGA Herdbook. To qualify for the Balancer Show, all cattle must meet the AGA's rules for registrations as a Balancer Hybrid. Females and bulls that are 75% Gelbvieh and qualify to show in either the Gelbvieh or Balancer Shows can only be entered and exhibited in one show. Exhibitors must designate "Gelbvieh" or "Balancer" on the entry form. All animals must be properly tattooed and will be inspected at the show. All calves shown in the Cow-Calf Class are eligible to show in their respective individual class. All calves must be halter broke and shown at halter.
6. All females, both Gelbvieh and Balancers, entered in Senior Yearling Classes must be accompanied by a verification of pregnancy signed by a licensed veterinarian. Exception to the rule of safe in calf will apply to a donor female that has produced fertile eggs in the current year, as verified in a written statement from a licensed veterinarian.
7. Entry Numbers: Each entry will be assigned a number. Entry numbers will be provided to all exhibitors. These numbers must be displayed by the exhibitor when the animal is in the show ring.

8. Cattle will be shown at halter with grooming at the discretion of the exhibitor.
9. Authority officials have the right to combine any class with 5 or less animals. Classes may be changed or divided at the discretion of State Fair and Gelbvieh Association Officials.
10. 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 in this division.

Gelbvieh

- Department# 910
- Division 910.001

Class No.	Female	Premium
0102.	Junior Heifer calves, calved on or after Jan. 1, 2026	A
0103.	Senior Heifer Calves, calved Sept-Dec, 2025	A
0104.	Champion Heifer Calf	R
0105.	Res. Champion Heifer Calf	R
0106.	Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May-Aug, 2025	A
0107.	Spring Yearling Heifers, calved Mar-Apr, 2025	A
0108.	Champion Yearling Heifer	R
0109.	Res. Champion Yearling Heifer	R
0110.	Winter Yearling Heifers, calved Jan-Feb, 2025	A
0111.	Senior Yearling Heifers, calved Sept-Dec, 2024	A
0112.	Champion Senior Female	R
0113.	Res. Champion Senior Female	R

0114. Cow-Calf Pair, any age cow with her natural 2026 calf at her side	A
0115. Grand Champion Gelvieh Female	B
(from Calf, Yearling. & Cow-calf Champions)	
0116. Reserve Grand Champion Gelbvieh Female	C
Class #	Bull
Premium	
0117. Junior Bull Calves, calved on or after Jan. 1, 2026	A
0118. Senior Bull Calves, calved Sept-Dec, 2025	A
0119. Champion Bull Calf	R
0120. Res. Champion Bull Calf	R
0121. Summer Yearling Bulls, calved May-Aug, 2025	A
0122. Spring Yearling Bulls, calved Mar-Apr, 2025	A
0123. Winter Yearling Bulls, calved Jan-Feb, 2025	A
0124. Champion Yearling Bull	R
0125. Res. Champion Yearling Bull	R
0126. Two-Year-Old Bulls, calved July-Dec, 2024	A
0127. Two-Year-Old Bulls, calved Jan-June, 2024	A
0128. Champion Senior Bull	R
0129. Res. Champion Senior Bull	R
0130. Grand Champion Gelbvieh Bull	
(from Calf, Yearling & Senior Champions)	B

0131. Reserve Grand Champion Gelbvieh Bull C

0132. Premier Gelbvieh Exhibitor Award by Colorado State Fair Authority

Balancer

- Department# 910
- Division 910.002

Class #	Female	Premium
0133. Junior Heifer Calves, calved on or after Jan. 1, 2026		A
0134. Senior Heifer Calves, calved Sept-Dec, 2025		A
0135. Champion Heifer Calf		R
0136. Res. Champion Heifer Calf		R
0137. Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May-Aug, 2025		A
0138. Spring Yearling Heifers, calved Mar-Apr, 2025		A
0139. Champion Yearling Heifer		R
0140. Res. Champion Yearling Heifer		R
0141. Winter Yearling Heifers, calved Jan-Feb, 2025		A
0142. Senior Yearling Heifers, calved Sept-Dec, 2024		A
0143. Champion Senior Female		R
0144. Res. Champion Senior Female		R
0145. Cow/Calf Pair any age cow with her natural 2026 calf at her side		A
0146. Grand Champion Balancer Female (from Calf, Yearling & Cow-calf Champions)		B

B: \$100 and Banner by Colorado State Fair Authority

C: \$50 and Rosette by Colorado State Fair Authority

D: Rosette by Colorado State Fair Authority

Premier Exhibitor: "Exhibitor" is defined as the owner or owners of an animal recorded on the registration paper. Each different recorded ownership (or co-ownership) constitutes a different "Exhibitor." An award will be given to the exhibitor accumulating the most points on six animals or less. In the event of tie, the winner will be the exhibitor (1) earning points in the greatest number of classes excluding champion classes, (2) winning the most first places and (3) winning the most second places, etc.

Points will be awarded as follows, unless otherwise stated under individual breed:

1st place – 5 points

Champion – 7 points

2nd place – 4 points

Reserve Champion – 6 points

3rd place – 3 points

Grand Champion – 10 points

4th place – 2 points

Reserve Grand Champion – 8 points

5th place – 1 point

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