

Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

2026 Open Herefords and Polled Herefords

- Department 910
- Division 910.003
- Entry Fee \$35 per entry
- \$5,975 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 p.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.

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2. All entrants for livestock exhibited in Open, Breed, or Market competitions shall provide a 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 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.
5. All animals entered in this combined Hereford/Polled Hereford show must be registered with the American Hereford Association or the American Polled Hereford Association to be eligible to show. Animals must be entered and shown under the recorded owner's name.
6. Any animal without a legible tattoo matching the registration papers will be ineligible to show.
7. Exhibitors in these breeding cattle classes are subject to their association's special rules on class qualification, defects and unethical practices. All animals at all AHA sponsored shows must be officially recorded at show time to be eligible to show. An official AHA registry number at entry time will be required.
8. All Hereford entries must be duly recorded with the American Hereford Association. Any animal with a "pending" or "applied for" registration or without a legible tattoo will not be eligible for show competition. All entries are subject to provisions and rules for showing as set forth by the American Hereford Association Board of Directors and are subject to supervision of the Show and Sale Committee representing the AHA.
9. Scurs on polled Herefords should be left as is and should not be tampered with or removed.

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10. 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.
11. Authority officials have the right to combine any class with 5 or less animals.
12. Calf entries from Cow/Calf cannot be older than 270 days on show date. Calf is eligible for individual classes but must be entered in appropriate classes. Cow/calf does not compete for overall champion female.
13. In the Cow/Calf class, if the cow is horned and the calf polled, then the pair will show in the horned Cow/Calf class, and if the cow is polled and the calf is horned, then the pair will show in the polled Cow/Calf class.
14. 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.

Open Hereford

Class #	Females	Premium
0201.	Spring Heifer Calves, calved after March 1	A
0202	Junior Heifer Calves, January 1 – February 29	A
0203.	Champion Junior Heifer Calf	R
0204.	Res. Champion Junior Heifer Calf	R
0205.	Winter Heifer Calves, November 1 – December 31	A
0206.	Senior Heifer Calves, September 1 – October 31	A
0207.	Champion Senior Heifer Calf	R
0208.	Res. Champion Heifer Calf	R
0209.	Late Summer Yearling Female, June 16 – July 31	A
0210.	Early Summer Yearling Females, May 1 – June 15	A

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0211. Champion Intermediate Yearling Female	R
0212. Res. Champion Intermediate Yearling Female	R
0213. Spring Yearling Females, March 1 – April 30	A
0214. Champion Spring Yearling Female	R
0215. Res. Champion Spring Yearling Female	R
0216. Junior Yearling Females, January 1 – February 29	A
0217. Champion Junior Yearling Female	R
0218. Res. Champion Junior Yearling Female	R
0219. Senior Yearling Females, August 1 - December 31	A
0220. Champion Senior Yearling Female	R
0221. Res. Champion Senior Yearling Female	R
0222. Grand Champion Female	B
0223. Reserve Grand Champion Heifer	C
0224. *Cow/Calf, Any female older than above ages with a calf (under 240 days) at side	A
0225. Champion Cow/Calf	R
0226. Res. Champion Cow/Calf	R

Class #	Bulls	Premium
0227.	Spring Bull Calves, calved after March 1	A
0228.	Junior Bull Calves, January 1 – February 29	A
0229.	Champion Junior Bull Calf	R
0230.	Res. Champion Junior Bull Calf	R
0231.	Senior Bull Calves, November 1 – December 31	A

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- 0232. Senior Bull Calves, September1 – October 31 A
- 0233. Champion Senior Bull Calf R
- 0234. Res. Champion Bull Calf R
- 0235. Late Summer Yearling Bull, November 1 – December 31 A
- 0236. Early Summer Yearling Bull, May 1 – June 15 A
- 0237. Champion Intermediate Bull R
- 0238. Res. Champion Intermediate Bull R
- 0239. Spring Yearling Bulls, March 1 – April 30 A
- 0240. Junior Yearling Bulls, January 1- February 29 A
- 0241. Champion Yearling Bull R
- 0242. Res. Champion Yearling Bull R
- 0243. Senior Yearling Bulls, August 1 – December 31 A
- 0244. Two-Year-Old Bulls, January 1 – July 31 A
- 0234. Champion Senior Bull R
- 0235. Res. Champion Senior Bull R
- 0236. Grand Champion Bull B
- 0237. Reserve Grand Champion Bull C
- 0241. Premier Exhibitor Award by Colorado State Fair Authority

Premium Schedule	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place	5th Place
A	\$100	\$75	\$60	\$50	\$40

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

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

R: 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

Open Shorthorn and Shorthorn Plus Special Awards

Dias Cattle Company, will provide a cash award (to be paid with premiums) and banners to be awarded to the Grand Champion Female and the Reserve Grand Champion Female.

J. D. Livestock will provide a cash award (to be paid with premiums) and banners to be awarded to the Grand Champion Bull and the Reserve Grand Champion Bull.

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