

Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

2026 Open Shorthorn and Shorthorn Plus

- Entry Fee: \$35 per entry
- \$10,225 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.

2. All entrants for livestock exhibited in Open, Breed, or Market competitions shall provide a premises identification (PID) number 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. All animals entered in the State Fair show must be registered with the American Shorthorn Association (ASA) to be eligible to show. Animals must be entered and shown under the recorded ownership name.
5. The Rocky Mountain Shorthorn Association offers 10% of the total premiums, including champion classes. The Authority will pay 90% of the total premiums, including champion classes. Premium checks for the full amount will be paid directly from the Authority.
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 ASA sponsored shows must be officially recorded at show time to be eligible to show. An official ASA registry number will be required at entry time.
8. All Shorthorn entries must be duly recorded with the American Shorthorn Association. Any animal with a pending 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 Shorthorn Association Board of Directors and are subject to the supervision of the Show and Sale Committee representing the ASA.

9. All animals entered in the Shorthorn show must be 15/16 Shorthorn or full-blood Shorthorn with a pedigree. All animals in the Shorthorn Plus show must be 1/4 through 7/8 with a Shorthorn Plus pedigree. Cow/calf pair Champions are eligible to compete for Grand Champion Female.
10. 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.
11. Authority officials have the right to combine any class with 5 or fewer animals presented.
12. 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 Shorthorn

- Division 910.007
- Department 910

Class No.	Females	Premium
0700.	Junior Heifer Calves, calved on or after January 1, 2026	A
0701.	Winter Heifer Calves, November – December, 2025	A
0702.	Senior Heifer Calves, September – October, 2025	A
0703.	Champion Heifer Calf	R
0704.	Res. Champion Heifer Calf	R
0705.	Late Summer Yearling Heifers, July – August, 2025	A
0706.	Early Summer Yearling Heifers, May – June, 2025	A

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0707. Champion Intermediate Heifer	R
0708. Res. Champion Intermediate Heifer	R
0709. Spring Yearling Heifers, March – April, 2025	A
0710. Junior Yearling Heifers, January – February, 2025	A
0711. Senior Yearling Heifers, September – December, 2024	A
0712. Champion Yearling Heifer	R
0713. Res. Champion Yearling Heifer	R
0714. Grand Champion Shorthorn Female	B & D
0715. Reserve Grand Champion Shorthorn Female	C & D
0716. Cow/Calf Pair, any age cow with her natural 2026 calf at her side	A
0717. Champion Cow-Calf	R
0718. Res. Champion Cow-Calf	R

Class No.	Bulls	Premium
0720. Junior Bull Calves, calved on or after January 1, 2026		A
0721. Winter Bull Calves, November – December, 2025		A
0722. Senior Bull Calves, September – October, 2025		A
0723. Champion Bull Calf		R
0724. Res. Champion Bull Calf		R
0725. Late Summer Yearling Bulls, July – August, 2025		A
0726. Early Summer Yearling Bulls, May – June, 2025		A

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0727. Spring Yearling Bulls, March – April, 2025	A
0728. Junior Yearling Bulls, January – February, 2025	A
0729. Champion Yearling Bull	R
0730. Res. Champion Yearling Bull	R
0731. Senior Yearling Bulls, July – December, 2024	A
0732. Two-Year-Old Bulls, January – June, 2024	A
0733. Champion Senior Bull	R
0734. Res. Champion Senior Bull	R
0735. Grand Champion Shorthorn Bull	B & D
0736. Reserve Grand Champion Shorthorn Bull	C & D
0737. Premier Shorthorn Exhibitor	Award by Colorado State Fair Authority

Open Shorthorn Plus

- Division 910.008
- Department 910

Class No.	Females	Premium
0739. Junior Heifer Calves, calved on or after Jan. 1, 2026		A
0740. Senior Heifer Calves, calved Sept-Dec, 2025		A
0741. Champion Heifer Calf		R

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0742. Res. Champion Heifer Calf	R
0743. Summer Yearling Heifers, calved May-Aug, 2025	A
0744. Spring Yearling Heifers, calved Mar-Apr, 2025	A
0745. Winter Yearling Heifers, calved Jan-Feb, 2025	A
0746. Champion Yearling Heifer	R
0747. Res. Champion Yearling Heifer	R
0748. Senior Yearling Heifers, calved Sept-Dec, 2024	A
0749. Cow/Calf Pair any age cow with her natural 2026 calf at her side	A
0750. Champion Senior Female	R
0751. Res. Champion Senior Female	R
0752. Grand Champion Shorthorn-Plus Female (from calf, yrlg & sr. champions)	B & D & E
0753. Res. Grand Champion Shorthorn-Plus Female	C & D

Class No.	Bulls	Premium
0754. Junior Bull Calves, calved on or after Jan 1, 2026		A
0755. Senior Bull Calves, calved Sept-Dec., 2025		A
0756. Champion Bull Calf		R
0757. Res. Champion Bull Calf		R
0758. Summer Yearling Bulls, calved May-Aug, 2025		A
0759. Spring Yearling Bulls, calved Mar-Apr, 2025		A
0760. Winter Yearling Bulls, calved Jan-Feb, 2025		A

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0761. Champion Yearling Bull	R
0762. Res. Champion Yearling Bull	R
0763. Two-Year-Old Bulls, calved July-Dec, 2024	A
0764. Two-Year-Old Bulls, calved Jan-June, 2024	A
0765. Champion Senior Bull	R
0766. Res. Champion Senior Bull	R
0767. Grand Champion Shorthorn-Plus Bull (from calf, yearling & sr. champions)	B & D & E
0768. Reserve Grand Champion Shorthorn-Plus Bull	C & D
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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

D: Award by Rocky Mountain Shorthorn

E: Award by Kruse Ranch (Ed Kruse)

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 fewer. In the event of a 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.

1 st place – 5 points	Champion – 7 points
2 nd place – 4 points	Res. Champion – 6 points
3 rd place – 3 points	Grand Champion – 10 points
4 th place – 2 points	Res. Grand Champion – 8 points
5 th place – 1 point	

Open Shorthorn and Shorthorn Plus Special Awards

Kruse Ranch, Kimball, NE, will provide a cash award (to be paid with premiums) for the Grand Champion Open Shorthorn-Plus Bull and Grand Champion Open Shorthorn-Plus Female.

The Rocky Mountain Shorthorn Association: Rick Leone, D.V.M., 1050 County Road JJ, Fowler, CO 81039, offers a banner to the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Bull and to the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Female in the Open Shorthorn Show.

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