



Junior & Open Cattle Shows

Arrival: Wednesday October 1, 2025

ALL animals (excluding rabbits) must be in place by 2pm.

Livestock Check-In: Wednesday October 1 from 2pm-4pm

Weigh: Thursday October 2 -Comm Heifers 6pm, Steers 6:30pm

Judging: Friday October 3 at 9am

Release: Friday October 3 at 10pm

Show Order Starting at 9am FRIDAY **Entry Fee 8/01-9/10** **Entry Fee 9/11-9/17**

Open Breeding Beef	\$15	\$30
Breeding Beef- BULLS ONLY	\$15	\$30
Showmanship	\$5 (Paid on Site)	
Steers	\$15	\$30
Dairy	\$15	\$30
Breeding Beef- HEIFERSONLY	\$15	\$30
Commercial Heifers	\$15	\$30

RULE 1. ELIGIBILITY: Participation in the Cattle Division is limited to members in good standing with their 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. Exhibitors must be 5 years of age and cannot have reached their 20th birthday by the opening day of the Southwest District Fair, Tuesday September 30, 2025. Exhibitors may not show in a Junior Show no later than the fall after graduating high school or receiving a GED certificate or its equivalent regardless of age. Participation in the Open Beef Division is open to anyone who does not fall in the Junior Show's guidelines.

RULE 2. OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS: To be eligible for competition, animals must be the sole property of the exhibitor. All animals entered for competition in the breeding classes must be entered in the name of the owner. Original registration certificates of ownership must be presented at time of check in. Animals entered in breeding classes must be registered in the exhibitor's name by July 15th of current year.

RULE 3. ENTRY DEADLINE: Early entries will be August 1st-September 10th. Late entries will be September 11th-17th. **NO** entries will be accepted after September 17th. Substitutions may be made, if possible, for \$15 with the Show Chairman's approval.

RULE 4. ARRIVAL & RELEASE: Arrival will be Wednesday October 1st with Livestock Check-In from 2pm-4pm. All animals must be in place by 2pm. Release will be Friday the 3rd at 10pm.

RULE 5. GATE PASSES/ ENTRANCE: All exhibitors will receive 1 back gate pass to be used by the **EXHIBITOR ONLY**. Parents, other relatives and visitors can purchase their own discounted pass on-line or pay the regular gate fee. Two-Day discounted passes are presale **ONLY** and available on the ShoWorks entry website until September 24th. Passes will be full price on the grounds. Passes are not required for the Rabbit Show.

RULE 6. BEDDING: Shavings will **NOT** be provided or available for purchase on the fairgrounds. Stall area **MUST** be cleaned before release. Failure to do so could result in loss of any premium monies. All hay and manure must be disposed in designated areas. **NO SMOKING IN ANY OF THE BARNs.**

RULE 7. CODE OF BEHAVIOR/ RULES: All exhibitors, parents of exhibitors, county extension agents, vocational agriculture instructors and any others involved with exhibitors are expected to adhere to the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) National Code of Show Ring Ethics. A copy is available to view under Rules and Regulations on the website.

IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING RULES APPLY:

1. If an exhibitor in any way, whether in person or by agent or servant, interferes with the judges during their adjudication or shows any disrespect to them or the Southwest District Fair Officials, such person and agents will be subject to penalties as detailed in rules 3 and 4 below.
2. Any act of discourtesy or disobedience to Southwest District Fair officials on the part of the exhibitor, parents or sponsors will disqualify exhibitor from the contest and the owner shall forfeit their entrance and other fees. Any exhibitor, parent or sponsor who shall attempt to interfere with judges in the performance of their duties or who shall make any false statement in regard to any animal exhibited or shall interfere with official's and/or judge's books shall be excluded from the competition and may be subject to other disciplinary actions.
3. **PENALTIES:** An exhibitor, exhibitors' parent, agent, County Extension Agent, Vocational Agriculture Instructor or other person associated with an exhibitor who violates any of the rules contained herein, or whose animal has been found to be in violation of the rules is subject to such penalties as the management shall order, including but not limited to:
 - a. Such animal being barred from entering and/or participating at the Southwest District Fair event.
 - b. The exhibitor being barred from entering and/or participating at the Southwest District Fair event.
 - c. The exhibitor, the exhibitor's family, representatives or agents of the exhibitor or all of these, being barred from any further participation.
 - d. Violator's name and address being reported to the National Association of Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association Rule Infraction Database. Being reported

- e. in the database may result in disqualification from any national livestock show. If you are listed in this database, you may not be allowed to participate in any event held at the Southwest District Fair or any associated event.
- f. Awards and premiums being withheld. In the event any awards or premiums have been given by the Southwest District Fair to animal or exhibitor in violation of these rules, the exhibitor will, upon demand by the Southwest District Fair, immediately return all awards and premiums given to such animal or exhibitor.
- g. Exhibitor being liable to the Southwest District Fair shall indemnify and hold the expenses and costs for blood, tissue, urine, hide and/or carcass sampling and testing, Southwest District Fair management labor and expenses, consultant legal and court costs incurred as a result of violations of Southwest District Fair rules and regulations.

4. Penalties for violations in junior shows – See above penalties in rule #3. In addition, the following penalties apply:

- a. If an exhibitor, the parent(s) or other family of a junior exhibitor, County Extension Agent, Vocational Agriculture Instructors or any other agent associated with said exhibitor is charged with behavior that is not in accordance with the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics or any rule stated in any part of the Southwest District Fair rules, the result will be that the individual will be banned from future shows conducted by the Southwest District Fair for at least, but not restricted to one year.
- b. In the event that the individual who is found to be in violation of the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics or any rule stated in any part of the Southwest District Fair rules, is a county Extension Agent or Vocational Agriculture Instructor, that person will not be allowed to sign entry forms, nominations forms or any other official paperwork submitted to the Southwest District Fair office and they too will be banned from Southwest District Fair Grounds during competitive events held at this facility for at least, but no limited to one year.
- c. If action must be taken toward a County Extension Agent or Vocational Agriculture Instructor documentation of this action will be reported to his/her supervisor at the discretion of the Southwest District Fair Management.
- d. The Southwest District Fair reserves to its management the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and amend or add to these rules as its judgement may determine.
- e. Any exhibitor who violates any of the rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and will be subject to such penalty as the management may order.
- f. The decisions of the Southwest District Fair management are final and not subject to protest.

RULE 8. CARE OF ANIMALS: All owners of livestock or others having same in charge, shall care for, guard, protect and preserve the same, as the Southwest District Fair does not undertake to do so, and it shall not be responsible for any loss or damage to said property or the others thereof. Each livestock exhibitor must furnish his own bucket for watering and his own feed troughs. All livestock shall be in the charge of competent, courteous and neatly dressed attendants, who shall impart to

visitors such information as shall be desired. Animals must be kept in condition for inspection by the public from 9am Thursday until released. All stalls and pens must be cleaned before 9am each day and refuse disposed of as the superintendent may direct. Failure to abide by any rule, regulation or decision may result in removal of animal from the grounds and all entries will be forfeited.

RULE 9. HEALTH REGULATIONS: The Southwest District Fair reserves the right to have a blood and urine laboratory analysis made for any animals at the fair. Any exhibitor administering a drug to an animal which would render the carcass unfit for human consumption or any exhibitor of any animal producing an analysis indicating presence of an unapproved drug that can result in a quantitative or qualitative change in the characteristics of an animal will be required to return all premium money and could be banned from further competition in the Southwest District Fair. Their name and lab analysis will be submitted to the USDA and FDA for further investigation and possible prosecution. All livestock for exhibition or any other purpose shall conform to the following rules and regulations of the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commissions.

RULE 10. LIABILITY OF EXHIBITORS: No animals (pets) will be allowed on the Midway. No unauthorized vehicles of any kind will be allowed on the Midway after 3pm Monday through 11am Sunday. All property of every character entered for competitive play, or for any other purpose, or brought into the fairgrounds by any person shall be subject to the rules and regulations prescribed by the Board of Directors. In no case shall the Southwest District Fair or any of its officers/directors, be held responsible for any loss, damage, injury or death by disease, theft or from any other cause of any character, to any property while staying in the fairgrounds, or any other time or place. The management hereby assumes no responsibility, either as bailee or otherwise, for any property being brought and kept upon said grounds. If the property owners or others interested in the property, desire protection against loss, damage, injury from fire or other cause, they must make their own arrangements and pay for such insurance. Exhibitors making entries and not exhibiting shall forfeit all fees, stalls, space or exhibitor's tickets/passes.

RULE 11. JUDGING/ AWARDS: Only animals that are credible from the standpoint of type, quality and finish shall be eligible for judging. The judge may, at his/her discretion, award placing according to the animal's quality; therefore, a single entry is not automatically awarded first place. No exhibitor shall be permitted to win more than 2 prizes in any one class. All protests shall be made to the Livestock Chairman in writing immediately following the conclusion of judging. Such protests must state plainly the cause of the complaint and be accompanied by a \$250 deposit. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. Decisions of the Livestock Show Chairman are final, pending a complete investigation.

RULE 12. EXHIBIT SALE: In the interest of furthering the livestock business of the area and in the interest of producing and providing food, all animals exhibited in the Southwest District Fair may be sold privately on the fairgrounds.

RULE 13. CONTROL OF ANIMALS: All open and junior exhibitors must have complete control of their animals in the show ring and on the fairgrounds at all times. Bulls over 12 months of age must have a nose ring or clip with a lead rope.

RULE 14. NO FIT: Grooming products will be allowed with the exception of any adhesive or paint product. Exhibitors not following this rule will be disqualified.

RULE 15. PROHIBITED ACTS: The act of artificially filling animals internally, stomach pumping, is prohibited. Silicone injection or other injection for cosmetic purposes shall be prohibited. Anabolic steroid use shall likewise be prohibited and any animal testing positive for anabolic steroid or diuretic use shall be presumed to be altered or modified. Drenching is allowed.

RULE 16. SHOWING ANIMALS: All animals entered are to be shown by the owner, unless unavoidable circumstances forbid the owner's presence, in which case the animal may be shown by another youth who is also a junior exhibitor. Prior approval by Livestock Chairman is necessary for this substitution.

RULE 17. SHOWMANSHIP: There will be **NO BULLS** in Showmanship. Classes: Pee-Wee Ages 5-8, Junior Ages 9-12, Intermediate Ages 13-15, Senior Ages 16 & up. Exhibitors use their actual date of birth on the opening day of the fair, Tuesday September 30th to determine which class to enter. ***There is NO on-line registration.*** A \$5 entry fee must be paid upon entering ring the day of show. Money will be placed in jackpot; winner take all. Each exhibitor entering Showmanship must show his/her own animal.

RULE 18. TOP 5: Overall Top 5 will be chosen from Breeding and Commercial Heifers.

RULE 19. Any violation of these rules and show order will cost a forfeiture of all premiums earned by the exhibitor. In the interest of improving the Junior Show, the Southwest District Fair requests that the County Agents, and Ag. teachers certify as to the eligibility of both the exhibitor and the animal.

OPEN AND JUNIOR BREEDING BEEF

1. **NO ANIMAL MAY BE SHOWN IN BOTH OPEN AND JUNIOR DIVISIONS.**
Be aware of which category you are entering on the website. See RULE 1 for eligibility. NO REFUNDS.
2. **BULLS AND HEIFERS WILL HAVE SEPARATE SHOWS.** Please be aware of the show order so they will not be together.
3. Breed classes will be determined by Southwest District Fair. If a registered breed is not listed enter as Other Recognized Breeds and note the breed under the description section on the website.
4. No exhibitor may enter more than two entries per class.
5. Overall Top 5 will be chosen from Breeding and Commercial Heifers.
6. 1ST-10th place awarded for each class.

7. **BREEDS:**

Angus	Charolais	Limousin	Shorthorn
Beefmaster	Charolais Plus	Maine Anjou	Shorthorn Plus
Belted Galloway	Chianina	Maintainer	Sim Solution
Braford	Composite AOB	Mini Hereford	Simbrah
Brahman	Durham Red	Red Angus	Simmental
Brangus	Hereford	Red Brangus	Other Recognized Breeds
Braunvieh	Lim-Flex	Santa Gertrudis	

Animals in purebred and composite classes must meet applicable breed standards.

Charolais.....	15/16 or Greater
Charolais Plus.....	50% to 15/16
Chianina.....	6.25% or Greater
Limousin.....	7/8 or Greater
Lim Flex.....	25% to 75%
Maine Anjou.....	75% or Greater
Maintainer.....	25% to 74%
Shorthorn.....	15/16 or Greater
Shorthorn Plus.....	at least 50%
Simmental.....	7/8 or Greater
% Simmental.....	1/2 to 7/8

8. **CLASSES:**

- CLASS 01 - Junior heifers born March 1, 2025 and later
- CLASS 02 - Junior heifers born between January 1 and February 28, 2025
- CLASS 03 - Late senior heifers born between November 1 and December 31, 2024
- CLASS 04 - Early senior heifers born between September 1 and October 31, 2024
- CLASS 05 - Late summer yearling heifers born between July 1 and August 31, 2024
- CLASS 06 - Early summer yearling heifers born between May 1 and June 30, 2024
- CLASS 07 - Late junior yearling heifers born between March 1 and April 30, 2024
- CLASS 08 - Early junior yearling heifers born between Jan 1 and Feb 28, 2024
- CLASS 09 - Senior yearling heifers born between September 1 and December 31, 2023
(May not be shown with calf at side)
- CLASS 10 - Late summer two-year-old yearling heifer born between July 1 and August 31, 2023 (Females must be certified pregnant but not have calved by day of show)

- CLASS 21 - Junior bulls born between March 1 and later
- CLASS 22 - Junior bulls born between Jan. 1 and Feb. 28, 2025
- CLASS 23 - Late senior bulls born between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024
- CLASS 24 - Early senior bulls born between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31, 2024
- CLASS 25 - Late summer yearling bulls born between July 1 and Aug. 31, 2024
- CLASS 26 - Early summer yearling bulls born between May 1 and June 30, 2024
- CLASS 27 - Late junior yearling bulls born between March 1 and April 30, 2024
- CLASS 28 - Early junior yearling bulls born between Jan. 1 and Feb 28, 2024
- CLASS 29 - Senior yearling bulls born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2023

STEERS

1. Steers must weigh a minimum of 900 lbs. There is no maximum weight.
2. Classes will be made by weight and determined by the show committee.
3. 1st-10th place awarded for each class.

COMMERCIAL HEIFERS

1. Only commercial, purebred, and crossbred females may be exhibited in this show. No registration certificate is required.
2. All heifers in these classes must be screened by the exhibitor's County Extension Agent or Vocational Agriculture instructor to ensure that all animals are of type, quality, and finish to be creditable to the livestock show.
3. All animals entered in this show are subject to mouthing. All animals must have all baby teeth present. Any animal that has shed baby teeth will be banned from competition.
4. Any changes in classification or weights must be done on the scales as heifers are weighed.
5. **Top 5** – Overall Top 5 will be chosen from Breeding and Commercial heifers.
6. Grand and Reserve Champion Commercial Heifers will be eligible to compete with breeding stock for Supreme Overall Heifer and Reserve Overall Heifer.
7. Overall Top 5 will be chosen from Breeding and Commercial Heifer
8. 1st-10th place awarded in each class.

Commercial Heifer Classification

- A. American
- B. English
- C. Exotic

DAIRY

1. No exhibitor may enter more than two entries per class.
2. To be eligible for competition, animals must be registered with their respective breed associations. Registry certificates of ownership must be produced and will be checked at time of check-in. NO pending registration papers at time of check-in.
3. In all breeds there must be 5 or more of the same sex to constitute a breed. When less than 5 of the same sex are entered, they will show in other recognized breeds. When 5 or more of the same sex of a breed not listed below are entered, that breed section will be added. Breed breakdown may be changed or modified at the discretion of the Southwest District Fair.
4. 1st-5th place awarded in each class.

BREEDS:

Ayrshire	Holstein
Brown Swiss	Jersey
Guernsey	Milking Shorthorn

CLASSES:

1. Bull calf, born after Sept. 1, 2024 and at least 4 months old
2. Junior heifer calf, born March 2025 or later and at least 4 months old
3. Intermediate heifer calf, born December 1, 2024 to Feb. 29, 2025
4. Senior heifer calf, born September 1 to November 30, 2024
5. Summer yearling heifer, born June 1 to Aug. 31, 2024
6. Junior yearling heifer, born March 1 to May 31, 2024
7. Intermediate senior yearling, born Dec. 1, 2023 to Feb. 28, 2024
8. Senior yearling heifer, born Sept. 1 to Nov. 30, 2023
9. Junior two-year-old, born March 1 to Aug. 31, 2023
10. Senior two-year-old, born Sept. 1, 2022 to Feb. 28, 2023
11. Three-year-old cow, born Sept. 1, 2021 to Aug. 31, 2022
12. Four-year-old cow, born Sept. 1, 2020 to Aug 31, 2021
13. Five and six-year-old cows, born Sept. 1, 2019 to Aug. 31, 2020
14. Aged cows: Seven years or older, born before Sept. 1, 2018