

BEEF CATTLE

02 - Open Beef Cattle Show

Superintendent: Dr. Larry Wilson (#847-814-7301)
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Open Class Premiums Offered: \$45,076.00
Land of Lincoln Class Premiums Offered: \$33,348.00
**Premiums will be pro-rated according to participation and pay up to six (6) places.*

INFORMATION

Entries

Required fees include \$25.00/head (entry fee) and \$10.00/head (manure). Entries in all classes shall be made through the online fair entry system at the Illinois State Fair website. Payment must be made via credit card at the time of entry. No other type of entry will be accepted. Assistance with entries is available at the Competitive Events Office, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All entries must be submitted online on or before July 15, 2025. Fees will not be refunded. Late entries will be accepted through July 31, 2025, with an additional \$50.00/exhibitor charge assessed.

Exhibitors must additionally complete [Open Show Stalling](#). All stalling requests must be completed by Monday, July 21, 2025. Further information will be available through the Facebook page, "Illinois State Fair Open Beef Show."

Questions regarding stalling should be posed through: ilopenbeef@gmail.com.

Notice to Exhibitors

Beginning in 2025, individual identification of each animal shall be by a USDA official animal identification number ear tag ("840" tag) and must be able to be read both visually and electronically.

Deadlines and Check-in

Tie-outs Available	Monday, August 4, 8:00 a.m.
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	Stalls Available	Must be in place by
All Steers	Wednesday, August 6, 8:00 a.m.	Wednesday, August 6, 8:00 a.m.

** Note: All steers must be stalled in the Junior Barn until Saturday evening, August 9*

Breeding Animals	Stalls Available	Must be in place by
Maine Anjou and Charolais	Tuesday, August 5, 8:00 a.m.	Tuesday, August 5, 5:00 p.m.
Polled Hereford, Hereford, Simmental, Low Percent Simmental, and Limousin	Wednesday, August 6, 8:00 a.m.	Wednesday, August 6, 5:00 p.m.
Angus, Shorthorn and Shorthorn Plus	Thursday, August 7, 8:00 a.m.	Thursday, August 7, 5:00 p.m.

** Note: No equipment, tack, hay, or straw may be on the fairgrounds until 12:00 p.m., Sunday August 3.*

Check-in:

All Steers	Wednesday, August 6, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
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** Processed in the South Showring of the Junior Livestock Barn*

Breeding Animals	Deadline
Maine Anjou and Charolais	Wednesday, August 6, 12:00 p.m.
Polled Hereford, Hereford, Simmental, Low Percent Simmental, and Limousin	Thursday, August 7, 12:00 p.m.
Angus, Shorthorn and Shorthorn Plus	Friday, August 8, 12:00 p.m.

** Breeding animals will be processed in the stalls except where noted and may be checked-in any time between 9:00 a.m. and the stated deadline. If an animal is checked-in through the Junior Show Check-in process, the animal will not be required to check-in again.*

Animals Released	Immediately following respective breed shows
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**Note – Cattle loading out prior to 8:30 p.m. must be loaded from the tie-out area. Trailers will be permitted in the barn area from 8:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. Barns must be vacated by 12:00 a.m. The basement of the Livestock Center must be vacated by 12:00 a.m., Monday August 11.*

Show Schedule

Shows will be held in Livestock Center. Start times may vary slightly from the published schedule. Exhibitors should watch and listen for announcements.

Friday, August 8

8:30 a.m. – Maine Anjou and Maintainer

11:00 a.m. – Charolais

Saturday, August 9

8:00 a.m. – Polled Hereford and Hereford

Sunday, August 11

8:00 a.m. – Limousin

– Simmental (30 minutes after Limousin)

– Low Percent Simmental (30 minutes after Simmental)

9:00 a.m. – Steers (South Showring of the Junior Livestock Barn.)

Monday, August 12

8:00 a.m. – Shorthorn

– Shorthorn Plus (immediately following Shorthorn)

– Angus (immediately following Shorthorn Plus)

Wednesday, August 14

4:30 p.m. – Governor's Sale of Champions (Coliseum)

Department Rules

- Each exhibitor must comply with the Illinois Exhibition Health Requirements; Animal Care, Drug, Testing and Welfare Policies; and General Rules of the Open Livestock Division.
- Open Show exhibitors not entered in the Junior Show are reminded they must adhere to the Open Show Check-in and processing requirements in order to exhibit in the Open Show. Exhibitors showing in both Junior and Open Shows and checked-in through Junior Show processing do not have to check-in separately for the Open Show as Junior Show check-in will fulfill Open Show requirements.
- Purebred animals must be recorded in their respective National Breed Book as evidenced by official registration. Original registration papers only must be available to the Superintendent at the time of check-in. In extreme emergencies, a faxed copy of the registration paper from the National Association, accompanied by a cover letter, may, at the sole discretion of the Superintendent, be accepted. Absolutely no copies of registration, stamped duplicate of official registration, pending registrations, or applied for documentation will be accepted.

4. Exhibitors are responsible for having his/her animal's ears clean, knowing where the tattoo is and knowing it can be read by officials at time of entry processing. All ear tags, except for button EID tags and calfhood vaccination tags, will be removed from heifers and steers at check-in.
5. Exhibitors should check with the Superintendent in the Open Beef Cattle Office before making stalls and must use stalls assigned by the Superintendent. No stalls may be bedded, and no tack will be allowed on the fairgrounds prior to the identified date stalls are available.
6. To be eligible to stall in the Open barns, exhibitors must be entered in the Open show.
7. Tie-out space will be assigned by the Superintendent beginning Monday morning. If bedding is placed in the tie-out area prior to the Fair, the exhibitor will be required to remove it and place it in the assigned tie-out space.
8. Due to the amount of stalling space available, no nurse cows are allowed.
9. Only one (1) hanging fan per animal will be permitted in the Open Livestock Barns. No misters, swamp blasters, air conditioning units, freezers or similar appliances or cooling systems of any kind will be allowed. Generators and electrical fans, or equipment of any kind, are not allowed in the tie-outs. Any exhibitor's stalls or tie-outs found with any of the above will be immediately disqualified from exhibiting.
10. The Beef Department Open Show will be governed by rules and specifications set forth by the National Breed Associations, unless otherwise specified. The Superintendent will make decisions concerning interpretation of such rules and regulations and, along with the General Livestock Superintendent, shall have full authority regarding show eligibility.
11. In individual classes, the exhibitor is defined as the person whose name appears on the registration paper as the owner. In group classes where the herd is one (1) unit with animals registered in the names of different members of one (1) family residing on one (1) farm, entries may be made under the name of a single exhibitor.
12. Breeding Animal classes will be determined at the end of check-in utilizing the futurity system of entry and class division.
 - a. Age requirements for the heifer classes extend from September 1, 2023, to March 31, 2025.
 - b. All Senior Females must be confirmed safe in-calf with documentation from a veterinarian.
13. Any class of breeding animals with twenty-six (26) or more head will be divided by birthdates into two (2) distinct premium eligible classes.
14. Substitute animals will be accepted for breeding animals up to the entry processing and check-in deadlines.
15. Each exhibitor may make only one (1) entry in group classes. All group classes must be pre-entered through the online system by the published entry deadline.
16. The following grooming rules will be strictly enforced, and exhibitors found in violation of these rules, either prior to entering the ring or while in the ring, will be immediately removed from the show.
 - a. Dying or artificially changing the color of an animal is prohibited. Coloring agents may only be used up to the hock (knee). Powders are not allowed on any part of the animal. Animals will be given a white towel test as they enter the showing.
 - b. Cattle are to be shown in their natural conformation. The use of false tail heads is prohibited, as is the addition of hair, hemp, or any similar substance to any part of an animal.
 - c. Tail ties are prohibited, as are spiked show halter leads and nose rings for breeding stock or steers.
 - d. Excess adhesive on the legs beyond what is needed to groom the animal's hair is prohibited.
 - e. No aerosols will be permitted in the make-up area. Any aerosol cans in the make-up area will be confiscated by Department Staff.

17. When on exhibition in the Livestock Center, each animal must be under halter and properly controlled by the exhibitor. Additionally, exhibitors must wear an arm card corresponding with the number in the official program. If the arm card is not visible, the exhibitor may not exhibit his/her animal.
18. Any animal displaying repeated unruly behavior will be dismissed from the class at the discretion of the Superintendent.
19. Family bred and raised animals entered by Junior Exhibitors in the Junior Show and subsequently entered in the Open Show may be treated as family entries in group classes.
20. Exhibitors must wait until 7:00 p.m. to move animals into tie-outs.
21. Animals must be washed in wash racks. No washing of animals in any barn.

Specific Rules for Steers

22. Steers may be purebred or crossbred. However, all steers properly registered with a breed association will be eligible for Land of Lincoln awards provided the animal meets all Land of Lincoln eligibility requirements.
23. Steers must weigh 900 pounds or more to be eligible to show.
24. Steers will be shown by weight classes within each breed. Animals will be placed into weight divisions and classes of generally equal numbers of animals based upon declared weights made at check-in and in so far as possible all class breaks will be at the discretion of the Superintendent.
25. Breeds will be shown in the order posted by the Superintendent. Watch and listen for announcements. Exhibitors must check posted class assignments and be at the showring with his/her animal when the assigned class is called.
26. Practice scales will be available in the barns for use by exhibitors.
27. Steers will have tattoos checked during processing. Exhibitors should bring a fully completed and legibly written entry/check-in card, and, if applicable, Land of Lincoln certificate or registration certificate with them at the time of processing. An exhibitor who fails to bring his/her steer to check-in and processing will be disqualified from showing.
28. Each steer will be identified, and ear tagged during entry processing. The ear tag is the official exhibitor number. Land of Lincoln eligible steers will be tagged in the right ear. Non-Land of Lincoln Junior Show entries will be tagged in the left ear.
29. Any steer properly nominated on the Premiere Nomination Form is eligible for the Premiere Class.
30. Additional eligibility requirements to show in the various breed steer shows are listed under specific breed rules.
31. Fair management reserves the right to disqualify any steer for being over age and to move or properly enter any steer not exhibiting specific breed characteristics for the breed classification entered. These requirements will be closely examined by the Superintendent and his/her assistants who, along with the General Livestock Superintendent, shall have full authority regarding show eligibility.
32. In the Land of Lincoln Open Beef Show, the Champions and Reserve Champions of Angus, Hereford, Polled Hereford and Shorthorn may have DNA collected to verify breed characteristics should the Land of Lincoln Purebred Breeders Association Board of Directors so desire. Any breeder and/or exhibitor found to be in violation will not be awarded premiums and/or awards.

Specific Breed Rules

Angus

33. Eligibility requirement to show is Purebred with an American Angus Association registration certificate. Angus registration paper will indicate effective date of ownership. Land of Lincoln certificates are not needed and will not qualify a steer to show with the Angus.
34. Steers must be free of horns or scurs. Scurs are defined as any portion of horny tissue attached to the skin of hornset of a polled animal.

35. Steers with white skin above the underline or on leg, foot or tail shall not be eligible for registration and will be barred from competition.
36. All entries are subject to DNA marker or blood typing for parentage verification at the discretion of American Angus Association.
37. Individual classes of both sexes will be divided by an appointed committee as nearly equal as possible with no more than thirty (30) classes. Variation of division of numbers per class will be dependent upon age differential. The appointed committee will make official division of classes no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the official stalling deadline and not before twelve (12) hours after stalling deadline.
38. For an exhibitor to be eligible for premium monies contributed by the American Angus Association, exhibitors are subject to the Association Rules as found in the breeder Reference Guide of the Association. These rules are found in Part 2: Association Rules. The rules relating directly to the exhibition of Angus Cattle are Part 2: Association Rules; Rule 800 Series; including Rule 800-810. The rules can be found at www.angus.org.
39. Authorized representatives of the American Angus Association have the authority to enforce the rules set forth herein, as well as the Association Rules, including the barring of registered animals from a livestock show at which it is to be shown if there are reasonable grounds to believe a violation has occurred.

Hereford and Polled Hereford

40. All steers showing at the Illinois State Fair must be registered by the American Hereford Association (AHA) and out of a registered sire and dam. No steer certificates will be accepted, only registration papers. Hereford registration papers will indicate effective date of ownership.
41. Exhibitors in Hereford classes are subject to the Association's special rule on class qualification, and any animal without a legible tattoo will not be eligible for show.
42. There are separate shows for horned and polled Herefords; therefore, horned or dehorned cattle must show in the horned show while polled and scurred cattle must show in the polled show. Any tampering with scurs will disqualify the animal from competition.
43. Individual classes of both sexes will be divided by an appointed committee as nearly equal as possible with no more than thirty (30) classes. Variation of division of numbers per class will be dependent upon age differential. The appointed committee will make official division of classes no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the official stalling deadline and not before twelve (12) hours after stalling deadline.
44. All steers must have a basic DNA test on file at the AHA. Exhibitors should contact the AHA customer service department by calling 816-842-3757 or by email at records@hereford.org to request a DNA kit for their steer. The exhibitor must be a member of the AHA or NJHA to request a basic DNA test which includes genetic profile, genetic abnormalities, and parent verification, if parent DNA is on file. At the time of check-in, exhibitors will be required to present a registration paper and letter from the AHA stating their steer's basic test DNA profile is on file. Further, all Hereford steers entered for exhibition are subject to additional DNA testing at the discretion of the Illinois Hereford Association.
45. All animals exhibited are subject to DNA profile tests to verify breed purity and accuracy of the recorded parentage. Rules detailing DNA profiling of Hereford animals can be found in the AHA Rules and Regulations Handbook at www.hereford.org.

Shorthorn and Shorthorn Plus

46. Eligibility requirement to show Shorthorn is 15/16 and higher and Shorthorn Plus 50% to 7/8, as verified by an American Shorthorn Association (ASA) registration certificate. An ASA registration certificate will indicate effective date of ownership.
47. Multiple owned animals must be exhibited in the name of all owners.
48. Shorthorns and Polled Shorthorns are subject to tattoo inspection by representatives of the ASA. All Shorthorns and Polled Shorthorns are also subject to an age inspection if deemed necessary by the ASA and the decision of the examining veterinarian is final.
49. Individual classes of both sexes will be divided by an appointed committee as nearly equal as possible with no more than thirty (30) classes. Variation of division of numbers per class will be dependent upon age

differential. The appointed committee will make official division of classes no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the official stalling deadline and not before twelve (12) hours after stalling deadline.

Charolais

50. Eligibility requirement to show is purebred as verified by an American-International Charolais Association (AICA) registration certificate. An AICA registration certificate will indicate effective date of ownership. An animal is eligible to enter or compete in an open Charolais breeding class if registered in country of origin outside the United States and is eligible for purebred registry in the AICA Herd Book.
51. Animals registered in the AICA Colored Division Registry (QF and QM initialed registration numbers) must meet the parameters of the AICA Color Card.
52. All animals to be eligible may be approved by a sifting committee designated by the AICA.
53. Any animal not having a legible tattoo or firebrand number is ineligible and will be barred from showing.
54. Junior and Senior Bulls must have a valid, satisfactory semen test certificate in possession. This certificate is valid for the entire show season.
55. All animals are subject to a medical examination in order to determine age, and each animal will be present in the show ring in its natural conformation without alteration or modification.
56. AICA requires that all animals be shown with a halter and suggests that all bulls be shown with a nose lead.
57. All exhibitors of Charolais Breeding Cattle shall be governed by the AICA Rules and Regulations, Article XV, Exhibitions of Animals. The inspections of exhibit cattle are specified in Article XV, Paragraph C, and consequence of non-compliance of exhibit inspection is specified in Paragraph D of the same article.
58. Individual classes of both sexes will be divided by an appointed committee as nearly equal as possible with no more than twenty (20) classes. Variation of division of numbers per class will be dependent upon age differential. The appointed committee will make official division of classes no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the official stalling deadline and not before twelve (12) hours after stalling deadline.

Simmental

59. Eligibility requirement to show for females and bulls is purebred as verified by an official American Simmental Association (ASA) registration certificate. Eligibility requirements for steers to show is 1/2 or higher as verified by an ASA registration certificate. Commercial percentage shall not be included as part of Simmental classification percentage. Simmental registration certificate will indicate effective date of ownership.
60. Calves born in 2024 must have a registration paper to verify them.
61. Any animal not having a legible tattoo is ineligible to compete and will be barred from showing.
62. Individual classes of both sexes will be divided by an appointed committee as nearly equal as possible with no more than thirty (30) classes.

Low Percent Simmental

63. Eligibility requirements for females and bulls to show is 1/2 SM to 3/4 SM and a recorded registration certificate with the American Simmental Association (ASA).
64. Calves born in 2024 must have a registration paper to verify them.
65. Any animal not having a legible tattoo is ineligible to compete and will be barred from showing.
66. Individual classes of both sexes will be divided by an appointed committee as nearly equal as possible with no more than thirty (30) classes.

Limousin and Limousin Flex

67. All animals must be registered with the North American Limousin Foundation (NALF). Any animal over thirty (30) days of age, including calves to be shown at side of dam, must have proof of a registration certificate and be recorded with the NALF. For ET calves, parentage verification paperwork must be in NALF system. All animals must be 75% (NALF Percentage, not actual), or greater, as indicated on orange NALF registration

certificate or purple-papered Lim-Flex Cattle as indicated by NALF registration certificate. Percentage, full blood, Purebred and Lim-Flex shall compete in the same classes and championships.

68. Any animal not having a legible tattoo is ineligible to compete and will be barred from showing.
69. Individual classes of both sexes will be divided by an appointed committee as nearly equal as possible with no more than twenty (20) classes. No class shall contain more than twenty (20) head or have an age spread of more than sixty (60) days unless the animals are over two (2) years old.
70. All bulls over one (1) year of age must show with a nose lead.
71. Calves exhibited alongside dams in the cow-calf division are eligible to show as individuals as long as the calf is registered and qualifies as determined by purple registration papers from NALF. All animals shown must be solid red or black above the flanks, excluding birth marks.

Maine Anjou and Mainetainer

72. All animals must be registered in the American Maine Anjou Association (AMAA) as verified by an official AMAA registration certificate. All Maine Anjou females and bulls must be 75% or greater. Mainetainer females and bulls must be one quarter or greater.
73. Any animal not having a legible tattoo is ineligible to compete and will be barred from showing.
74. Animals over seven (7) months of age must be dehorned.
75. Heifers exhibited at twenty (20) months of age or older must be accompanied by a certificate of pregnancy. For heifers used in embryo transfer, a certificate of positive fertility issued by a licensed veterinarian must be available for inspection.
76. Bulls exhibited at fourteen (14) months of age or older must have had a positive semen test and a certificate to that effect must be available for inspection.
77. Individual classes of both sexes will be divided by an appointed committee as nearly equal as possible with no more than twenty (20) classes. Variation of division of numbers per class will be dependent upon age differential. The appointed committee will make official division of classes no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the official stalling deadline and not before twelve (12) hours after stalling deadline.
78. All bulls twenty (20) months of age or older must show with a nose-lead.
79. Any and all cattle shall be available to have hair pulled or parentage verification, detection of foreign substances, or the presence of alterations. If recorded parent is excluded as a result of blood typing the owner may, at his expense, request the AMAA determine actual parentage. Failure to determine parentage will result in disqualification of that animal from the AMAA herd book.

Special Definitions and Recognitions

Exhibitor definition in certain classes: In individual classes, the exhibitor is defined as the person whose name appears on the registration paper as the owner. In group classes where the herd is one (1) unit with animals registered in the names of different members of a family residing on one (1) farm, entries may be made under the name of a single exhibitor.

Cow/Calf: Cow with most recent natural calf no more than 250 days of age at her side. Cows cannot turn more than five (5) years of age in the current calendar year. The cow/calf entry is eligible for inclusion in group classes but will be considered one (1) animal in those classes, except for groups of six (6) animals in which both cow and calf may be counted as individual animals.

Two Females or Pair of Females: Group consists of two (2) female animals of any age, bred and owned or co-owned by breeder/exhibitor. Animals must be shown in individual classes.

Two Bulls: Group consists of two (2) bulls of any age, bred and owned or co-owned by breeder/exhibitor. Animals must be shown in individual classes.

Junior Get of Sire: Group to consist of three (3) animals by one (1) sire with both sexes represented. Animals must be shown in individual classes.

Breeders Herd of Four or Best Four Head: Group to consist of four (4) animals, with both sexes represented, owned or co-owned by breeder/exhibitor. Animals must be shown in individual classes.

Breeders Herd of Five, Group of Five, or Breeders Best of Five Head: Group to consist of five (5) animals, with both sexes represented, owned or co-owned by breeder/exhibitor. Animals must be shown in individual classes.

Special Awards

Grand Champion Females and Bulls of the Open and Land of Lincoln Shows: Banners will be given by the Illinois State Fair to the exhibitor of the Open and Land of Lincoln Show Grand Champion Females and Bulls of each breed division at the 2025 Illinois State Fair.

Grand Champion Steer: The Champion Steer of each breed will compete for Grand Champion Steer of the Open and Land of Lincoln Shows on Sunday, August 10. An award will be given by the Illinois State Fair to the exhibitor of each of the Open and Land of Lincoln Show Grand Champion Steers for the 2025 Illinois State Fair.

Grand Champion Cow/Calf: A Grand and Reserve Champion Cow/Calf will be named for each breed.

Premiere Herdsman Award: Upon decision of the Beef Cattle Superintendent, a banner will be given by the Illinois State Fair to the Premiere Herdsman in each breed.

Land of Lincoln Championship Premium Awards:

Breed	Class Description	Open	Land of Lincoln
Polled Herefords			
	Grand Champion Female		\$75
	Reserve Grand Champion Female		\$50
	Grand Champion Bull		\$125
	Reserve Grand Champion Bull		\$50
Simmental			
	Grand Champion Female		\$75
	Grand Champion Bull		\$125
Angus, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Shorthorn, and Simmental			
	Grand Champion Steer		\$100
	Reserve Grand Champion Steer		\$50
Overall			
	Grand Champion Steer	\$1,000	\$400
	Reserve Grand Champion Steer	\$500	\$200

CLASSES

Division 0201 – Breeding Cattle - Angus

Breed	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Angus – Cow/Calf		A	*
Angus – Females: 2024 ROV Show	Females calved after September 1, 2023	B	*
Angus – Bulls	Bulls calved after January 1, 2023	C	*
Angus – Pair of Heifers		D	*
Angus – Pair of Bulls		E	*
Angus – Junior Get of Sire		F	*
Angus – Best Four Head		G	*
Angus – Best Five Head		H	*

The following awards will be given in the Angus Classes: Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Intermediate Female, Champion & Reserve Champion Late Junior Female, Champion & Reserve Champion Early Junior Female, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Female, Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Angus Female, Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Bull Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Bull Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Intermediate Bull, Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Bull, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Bull, Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Angus Bull.

Division 0202 – Breeding Cattle - Charolais

Breed	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Charolais – Cow/Calf		A	*
Charolais – Females	Females calved after September 1, 2023	B	*
Charolais – Bulls	Bulls calved after January 1, 2023	C	*
Charolais – Pair of Heifers		D	*
Charolais – Pair of Bulls		E	*
Charolais – Junior Get of Sire		F	*
Charolais – Best Four Head		G	*
Charolais – Best Five Head		H	*

The following awards will be given in the Charolais Classes: Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Intermediate Female, Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Female, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Female, Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Charolais Female, Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Bull Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Bull Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Intermediate Bull, Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Bull, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Bull, Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Charolais Bull.

Division 0203 – Breeding Cattle - Hereford

Breed	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Hereford – Polled Hereford Cow/Calf		A	*
Hereford – Horned Hereford Cow/Calf		B	*
Hereford – Polled Hereford Female	Females calved after September 1, 2023	C	*
Hereford – Horned Hereford Female	Females calved after September 1, 2023	D	*

Hereford – Polled Hereford Bulls	Bulls calved after January 1, 2023	E	*
Hereford – Horned Hereford Bulls	Bulls calved after January 1, 2023	F	*
Hereford – Polled Hereford Pair of Heifers		G	*
Hereford – Horned Hereford Pair of Heifers		H	*
Hereford – Polled Hereford Pair of Bulls		I	*
Hereford – Horned Hereford Pair of Bulls		J	*
Hereford – Polled Hereford Junior Get of Sire		K	*
Hereford – Horned Hereford Junior Get of Sire		L	*
Hereford – Polled Hereford Best Four Head		M	*
Hereford – Horned Hereford Best Four Head		N	*
Hereford – Polled Hereford Best Five Head		O	*
Hereford – Horned Hereford Best Five Head		P	*

The following awards will be given in the Hereford Classes: Polled Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf, Polled Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf, Polled Champion & Reserve Champion Intermediate Female, Polled Champion & Reserve Champion Late Junior Female, Polled Champion & Reserve Champion Early Junior Female, Polled Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Female, Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Polled Hereford Female, Horned Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf, Horned Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf, Horned Champion & Reserve Champion Intermediate Female, Horned Champion & Reserve Champion Late Junior Female, Horned Champion & Reserve Champion Early Junior Female, Horned Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Female, Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Horned Hereford Female, Polled Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Bull Calf, Polled Champion & Reserve Champion Fall Bull Calf, Polled Champion & Reserve Champion Intermediate Bull, Polled Champion Junior Bull, Polled Reserve Champion Junior Bull, Polled Champion Senior Bull, Polled Reserve Champion Senior Bull, Grand Champion Polled Hereford Bull, Reserve Grand Champion Polled Hereford Bull, Horned Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Bull Calf, Horned Champion & Reserve Champion Fall Bull Calf, Horned Champion & Reserve Champion Intermediate Bull, Horned Champion & Reserved Champion Junior Bull, Horned Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Bull, Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Horned Hereford Bull.

Division 0204 – Breeding Cattle – Limousin/Limousin Flex

Breed	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Limousin/Limousin Flex – Cow/Calf		A	*
Limousin/Limousin Flex – Females	Females calved after September 1, 2023	B	*
Limousin/Limousin Flex – Bulls	Bulls calved after January 1, 2023	C	*
Limousin/Limousin Flex – Pair of Heifers		D	*
Limousin/Limousin Flex – Pair of Bulls		E	*
Limousin/Limousin Flex – Junior Get of Sire		F	*
Limousin/Limousin Flex – Best Four Head		G	*
Limousin/Limousin Flex – Best Five Head		H	*

The following awards will be given in the Limousin/Limousin Flex Classes: Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Intermediate Female, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Female, Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Limousin/Limousin Flex Female, Champion & Reserve Champion Bull Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Intermediate Bull, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Bull, Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Limousin/Limousin Flex Bull.

Division 0205 – Breeding Cattle – Low Percent Simmental

Breed	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Low Percent Simmental – Cow/Calf		A	N/A

Low Percent Simmental – Females	Females calved after September 1, 2023	B	N/A
Low Percent Simmental – Pair of Females		C	N/A
Low Percent Simmental – Bulls	Bulls calved after January 1, 2023	D	N/A
Low Percent Simmental – Pair of Heifers		E	N/A
Low Percent Simmental – Pair of Bulls		F	N/A
Low Percent Simmental – Junior Get of Sire		G	N/A
Low Percent Simmental – Best Four Head		H	N/A
Low Percent Simmental – Best Five Head		I	N/A

The following awards will be given in the Low Percent Simmental Classes: Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Intermediate Female, Champion & Reserve Champion Late Junior Female, Champion & Reserve Champion Early Junior Female, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Female, Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Low Percent Simmental Female, Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Bull Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Bull Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Intermediate Bull, Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Bull, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Bull, Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Low Percent Simmental Bull.

Division 0206 – Breeding Cattle – Maine Anjou

Breed	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Maine Anjou – Cow/Calf		A	*
Maine Anjou – Females	Females calved after September 1, 2023	B	*
Maine Anjou – Bulls	Bulls calved after January 1, 2023	C	*
Maine Anjou – Pair of Heifers		D	*
Maine Anjou – Pair of Bulls		E	*
Maine Anjou – Junior Get of Sire		F	*
Maine Anjou – Best Four Head		G	*
Maine Anjou – Best Five Head		H	*

The following awards will be given in the Maine Anjou Classes: Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Summer Heifer, Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Female, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Female, Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Maine Anjou Female, Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Bull Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Bull Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Bull, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Bull, Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Maine Anjou Bull.

Division 0207 – Breeding Cattle - Maintainer

Breed	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Maintainer – Cow/Calf		A	N/A
Maintainer – Females	Females calved after September 1, 2023	B	N/A
Maintainer – Bulls	Bulls calved after January 1, 2023	C	N/A
Maintainer – Pair of Heifers		D	N/A
Maintainer – Pair of Bulls		E	N/A
Maintainer – Junior Get of Sire		F	N/A
Maintainer – Best Four Head		G	N/A
Maintainer – Best Five Head		H	N/A

The following awards will be given in the Maintainer Classes: Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Summer Heifer, Champion & Reserve Champion Junior

Female, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Female, Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Mainetainer Female, Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Bull Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Bull Calf, Champion & Reserved Champion Junior Bull, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Bull, Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Mainetainer Bull.

Division 0208 – Breeding Cattle - Shorthorn

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Late Spring Bull Calves	Calved after May 1, 2025	A	*
Early Spring Bull Calves	Calved between Mar. 1 and Apr. 30, 2025	B	*
Junior Bull Calves	Calved between Jan. 1 and Feb. 28, 2025	C	*
Winter Bull Calves	Calved between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	D	*
Senior Bull Calves	Calved between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31, 2024	E	*
Summer Yearling Bulls	Calved between July 1 and Aug. 31, 2024	F	*
Late Spring Yearling Bulls	Calved between May 1 and Jun. 30, 2024	G	*
Early Spring Yearling Bulls	Calved between Mar. 1 and Apr. 30, 2024	H	*
Junior Yearling Bulls	Calved between Jan. 1 and Feb. 29, 2024	I	*
Senior Yearling Bulls	Calved between July 1 and Dec. 31, 2023	J	*
Two-Year-Old Bulls	Calved between Jan.1 and June 30, 2023	K	*

The following awards will be given in the Shorthorn Bull Classes: Champion & Reserve Champion Late Spring Bull Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Early Spring Bull Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Bull Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Bull, and Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Shorthorn Bull.

Late Spring Heifer Calves	Calved after May 1, 2025	L	N/A
Early Spring Heifer Calves	Calved in Apr. 2025	M	N/A
Early Spring Heifer Calves	Calved in Mar. 2025	N	N/A
Junior Heifer Calves	Calved in Feb. 2025	O	N/A
Junior Heifer Calves	Calved in Jan. 2025	P	N/A
Winter Heifer Calves	Calved between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	Q	N/A
Senior Heifer Calves	Calved between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31, 2024	R	N/A
Summer Yearling Females	Calved between July 1 and Aug. 31, 2024	S	N/A
Late Spring Yearling Females	Calved between May 1 and Jun. 30, 2024	T	N/A
Early Spring Yearling Females	Calved between Mar. 1 and Apr. 30, 2024	U	N/A
Junior Yearling Females	Calved between Jan. 1 and Feb. 29, 2024	V	N/A
Senior Yearling Females	Calved between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2023	W	N/A
Two-Year-Old Cow/Calf Class	Cows born between Jan. 1 and Aug. 31, 2023	X	N/A
Three-Four-year-Old Cow/Calf Class	Cows born between Jan. 1, 2021, and Dec. 31, 2022	Y	N/A

The following awards will be given in the Shorthorn Female Classes: Champion & Reserve Champion Late Spring Heifer Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Early Spring Heifer Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Intermediate Female, Champion & Reserve Champion Early Spring Female, Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Female, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Female, Champion & Reserve Champion Cow/Calf Pair, and Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Shorthorn Female

Division 0209 – Breeding Cattle – Shorthorn Plus

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Late Spring Bull Calves	Calved after May 1, 2025	A	*
Early Spring Bull Calves	Calved between Mar. 1 and Apr. 30, 2025	B	*

Junior Bull Calves	Calved between Jan. 1 and Feb. 28, 2025	C	*
Winter Bull Calves	Calved between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	D	*
Senior Bull Calves	Calved between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31, 2024	E	*
Summer Yearling Bulls	Calved between July 1 and Aug. 31, 2024	F	*
Late Spring Yearling Bulls	Calved between May 1 and Jun. 30, 2024	G	*
Early Spring Yearling Bulls	Calved between Mar. 1 and Apr. 30, 2024	H	*
Junior Yearling Bulls	Calved between Jan. 1 and Feb. 29, 2024	I	*
Senior Yearling Bulls	Calved between July 1 and Dec. 31, 2023	J	*
Two-Year-Old Bulls	Calved between Jan.1 and June 30, 2023	K	*

The following awards will be given in the Shorthorn Plus Bull Classes: Champion & Reserve Champion Late Spring Bull Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Early Spring Bull Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Bull Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Bull, and Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Shorthorn Plus Bull.

Late Spring Heifer Calves	Calved after May 1, 2025	L	N/A
Early Spring Heifer Calves	Calved in Apr. 2025	M	N/A
Early Spring Heifer Calves	Calved in Mar. 2025	N	N/A
Junior Heifer Calves	Calved in Feb. 2025	O	N/A
Junior Heifer Calves	Calved in Jan. 2025	P	N/A
Winter Heifer Calves	Calved between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	Q	N/A
Senior Heifer Calves	Calved between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31, 2024	R	N/A
Summer Yearling Females	Calved between July 1 and Aug. 31, 2024	S	N/A
Late Spring Yearling Females	Calved between May 1 and Jun. 30, 2024	T	N/A
Early Spring Yearling Females	Calved between Mar. 1 and Apr. 30, 2024	U	N/A
Junior Yearling Females	Calved between Jan. 1 and Feb. 29, 2024	V	N/A
Senior Yearling Females	Calved between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2023	W	N/A
Two-Year-Old Cow/Calf Class	Cows born between Jan. 1 and Aug. 31, 2023	X	N/A
Three-Four-year-Old Cow/Calf Class	Cows born between Jan. 1, 2021, and Dec. 31, 2022	Y	N/A

The following awards will be given in the Shorthorn Plus Female Classes: Champion & Reserve Champion Late Spring Heifer Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Early Spring Heifer Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Intermediate Female, Champion & Reserve Champion Early Spring Female, Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Female, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Female, Champion & Reserve Champion Cow/Calf Pair, and Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Shorthorn Plus Female

Division 0210 – Breeding Cattle - Simmental

Breed	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Simmental – Cow/Calf		A	*
Simmental – Females	Females calved after September 1, 2023	B	*
Simmental – Pair of Females		C	*
Simmental – Bulls	Bulls calved after January 1, 2023	D	*
Simmental – Pair of Heifers		E	*
Simmental – Pair of Bulls		F	*
Simmental – Junior Get of Sire		G	*
Simmental – Best Four Head		H	*
Simmental – Best Five Head		I	*

The following awards will be given in the Simmental Classes: Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Intermediate Female, Champion & Reserve Champion Late

Junior Female, Champion & Reserve Champion Early Junior Female, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Female, Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Simmental Female, Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Bull Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Bull Calf, Champion & Reserve Champion Intermediate Bull, Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Bull, Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Bull, Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Simmental Bull.

Division 0211 – Steers

Breed	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Angus		A	*
Hereford/Polled Hereford		B	*
Shorthorn		C	*
Simmental		D	*
Crossbred		E	N/A

Champion and Reserve Champion Steer will be named in each breed. A Grand & Reserve Champion Steer will be named from the breed winners.

Division 0212 – Carcass

		Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered *
Steer Carcass	Showing On-Foot	01	*
Steer Carcass	Not Showing On-Foot	02	*

** Special Note: See Carcass Premium Book Section for complete rules.*