

2025 Illinois State Fair

Steer Premiere Carcass Show Results

Congratulations to all participants in the 2025 Steer Premiere Carcass Show. Twenty-four steers were harvested in 2025. The Premiere beef carcasses were placed using a combination of growth rate (carcass gain per day on feed), cutability, quality, and grid price to measure important economic and production traits of beef steers.

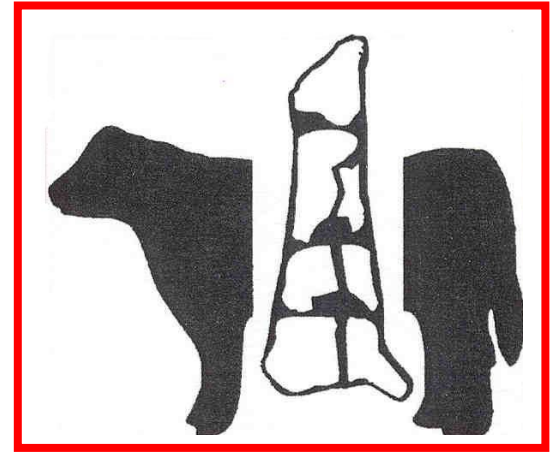
The winner of the Open and Junior Premiere Class was Allissa Martin of Oregon, Illinois. Allissa's winning steer was a Gelbvieh x Angus grading USDA Low Choice, with a yield grade of 2.9 and a retail yield per day on feed of 1.4193 pounds. Allissa's Angus steer won the Open Land of Lincoln contest grading Low Choice and a yield grade of 3.4; with a retail yield per day on feed of 1.3.

Ava Faber's home raised steer Angus was the winner of the Junior Land of Lincoln. Her purebred Angus steer graded High Choice, with a Yield Grade of 2.4 and a retail yield per day on feed of 1.24. Ava's Land of Lincoln winner was also the winner of the \$250 for the highest Junior Land of Lincoln Certified Angus Beef (CAB) steer. This award is sponsored by the Illinois Angus Association.

Eighty percent of all the steers met the requirements of Select quality grade, a maximum yield grade of 3.9 and a maximum hot carcass weight of 950 pounds.

Great appreciation and thanks are extended to **Tyson Fresh Meats** at Joslin, Illinois. A thank you is also extended to J.L. Bond Trucking from Washburn for transporting the steers from Congerville to the packing plant.

Special thanks to **Rex and Ross Wettstein and their Crew at Reel Livestock Center** at Congerville, Illinois for their help and use of their facilities on Sunday morning.



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Pricing Grid for Placing 2025 Premiere Steers
Premiums and Discounts based on 2021 – 2024 Averages (August)

The 2025 Illinois State Fair Premiere Steers will be placed utilizing a pricing index reflecting the value of the carcass. This pricing grid is an average of the past three years premiums and discounts on ISF steers at the Joslin, Illinois Tyson Fresh Meats plant. Steers were placed on a “Carcass Value Index” using the following premiums and discounts.

	Yield Grade			
Quality Grade	1	2	3	4
Prime	\$36	\$32	\$30	\$+19
Choice 0 & +	\$11	\$7	\$5	-\$11
Choice -	\$6	\$2	Base	-\$11
Select	-\$19	-\$23	-\$25	-\$25

Non-conformers:

Heavy Cattle:	over 950 lbs. hot carcass wt...	No Premiums
	Over 1050 lbs. hot wt.	-\$35
No rolls:		-\$36
Dark Cutters:		-\$30

USDA Select steers are not eliminated from competition but take the \$25.00 per hundred weight discount experienced in the market and participate in Yield Grade premiums.

Example:

Tag Number	Live wt.	HCW	Fat	REA	KPH	YG	MARBL	QG	CG/DOF	Retail yield	RY/DOF	Grid Price	Carcass value index
G113	1385	864	0.40	13.2	2.0	3.0	Mt0	Ch	3.177	50.1	1.591	\$2.99	4.757
R77	1330	830	0.50	14.2	2.0	2.8	Sm20	Ch-	3.072	50.6	1.553	\$1.94	4.566

The example above shows the Retail Yield Per Day on Feed times the Grid Price per pound to calculate the Carcass Value Index. The grid price in this example is a \$2.94 base price (Low Choice, Yield Grade 3) plus the premiums for Quality Grade and Yield Grade. Base price for the 2024 competition was \$3.08 per pound, hot carcass weight.

Please note:

- 1) Yield grade 4's and 5's, No Rolls (NR), Dark Cutters, Standards, and heavy carcasses (over 950 lbs.) are eliminated from competition.
- 2) Final payment for cattle will be based on Tyson's 2025 premiums and discounts, so your pay price will vary slightly from the grids used for placing the cattle for competition.

If you have questions contact Rich Knipe at (309) 781-9020.

Exhibitor	Breed	Tag #	Live wt.	HCW	Fat	REA	KPH	YG	Marbling	QG	CG/DOI	Retail yield	RY/DOF	Grid Price	CVI	Jr.	Jr. LofL	Open	Open LL
Allissa Martin	An x GV	8	1445	884	0.45	14.0	1.8	2.9	Sm60	Ch-	2.82	50.31	1.419	3.76	5.337	1		1	
Allissa Martin	Angus	9	1335	838	0.7	13.8	2.0	3.4	Sm20	Ch-	2.65	49.04	1.301	3.74	4.865			2	1
Ava Faber	Angus	7	1170	677	0.4	12.7	2.0	2.4	Md0	Ch+	2.41	51.36	1.240	3.81	4.725	2	1	3	2
Allissa Martin	Angus	10	1300	780	0.65	12.4	2.2	3.6	Md40	Ch+	2.55	48.71	1.244	3.79	4.713	3	2		
Cole Knebel	X	19	1420	879	0.45	14.2	2.0	2.8	Sm50	Ch-	2.35	50.41	1.187	3.76	4.462	4		4	
Robbie Thurow	Angus	23	1270	789	0.42	12.8	2.0	2.9	SIAB30	Pr-	2.15	50.34	1.080	4.06	4.385	5	3	5	3
Davin Shike	Angus	6	1475	949	0.7	14.9	2.0	3.5	Mt0	Ch	2.27	48.88	1.108	3.79	4.200	6	4		
Lily Walsh	Angus X	3	1240	743	0.55	12.3	2.0	3.2	SIAB20	Pr-	2.02	49.63	1.000	4.04	4.042	7			
Jake O'Brien	Red Angus	15	1330	801	0.55	11.8	2.0	3.5	Mt0	Ch+	2.18	48.75	1.062	3.79	4.024	8		6	
Sawyer Marceau	Shorthorn	18	1330	875	0.3	14.8	1.5	2.1	SI80	Sel+	2.15	51.98	1.117	3.51	3.920	9	5	7	4
Jake Hubbard	Charolais	21	1230	802	0.25	15.7	1.5	1.4	Sm0	Ch-	1.88	53.57	1.007	3.8	3.825			8	
Noah Walsh	Angus X	4	1565	938	0.65	13.5	2.0	3.8	Mt0	Ch	1.96	48.23	0.944	3.79	3.578	10			
Jake O'Brien	Red Angus	16	1210	702	0.3	10.0	2.0	3.1	Mt70	Ch	1.85	49.73	0.922	3.79	3.493	11	6	9	5
Kodi Hubbard	X	22	1360	850	0.35	16.5	1.5	1.6	SI90	Sel+	1.74	53.16	0.927	3.55	3.289	12		10	
William O'Brien	Red Angus	17	1110	709	0.35	10.8	2.0	3	Mt50	Ch	1.70	49.97	0.848	3.79	3.213	13		11	
William O'Brien	Red Angus	14	1330	742	0.45	10.1	2.0	3.6	Mt60	Ch	1.73	48.59	0.841	3.79	3.187	14		12	
Ellie Schier	X	20	980	589	0.2	12.7	1.8	1.5	SI60	Sel+	0.71	53.39	0.378	3.55	1.342	15		13	
Skyler Martin	Angus	13	1435	918	0.85	13.8	2.0	4.1	Mt20	Ch	2.93	47.48	1.389	3.63	5.042				
Skyler Martin	Angus	12	1445	917	0.9	13.2	2.0	4.4	Md0	Ch+	2.94	46.76	1.372	3.63	4.982				
Jacey Endress	Angus	11	1355	854	0.95	14.0	2.0	4	Sm30	Ch-	2.61	47.61	1.240	3.63	4.502				
Joey Thurow	Angus	24	1310	823	0.82	11.6	2.0	4.4	SIAB10	Pr-	2.43	46.86	1.138	3.63	4.130				
Bayley Wright	Simmental	2	1384	827	0.43	15.8	2.0	2.1	Sm40	Ch-	2.23	52.16	1.161	3.76	4.364	Not entered			
Allison Wright	Simmental	1	1280	782	0.25	16.5	1.5	1.1	SL40	Sel-	2.05	54.33	1.115	3.55	3.958	Not entered			
Lucas Thurow	Angus	25	1260	789	0.75	11.7	2.5	4.1	SIAB70	Pr -	2.11	47.40	0.999	3.93	3.926				