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TO: UPSF EXHIBITORS, LEADERS AND PARENTS

This communication includes information concerning preliminary entries for the 2025 Upper Peninsula State Fair Junior Market Beef Show and Sale. The rules are preliminary summary only; official rules are published in the annual Exhibitor’s Guide to Classes & Awards (Premium Book, available after May 15th). The Preliminary entry form and rules may also be found at upstatefair.net under the Exhibitor tab.

**New this year:** the preliminary registration form can only be found online and must be completed online. One form per exhibitor.

YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) certification will be required for the 2025 fair and is due by March 14th. Each exhibitor must provide a certificate of course completion. Please see the YQCA information on the UPSF website under the Exhibitors tab. YQCA may be completed online, however, Michigan State University Extension is also offering in-person classes throughout the Upper Peninsula beginning January 9th.

After the pre-entry deadline the UPSF will send fair ear tags and DNA sample cards to club leaders and pre-registered exhibitors with no club affiliation. A separate DNA hair sample will be required for each market beef animal registered and are due back with the required fee no later than March 14th.

The deadline for preliminary entries is **February 15, 2025**. Please do not hesitate to contact the Exhibitors Manager Kelly Zellar at 906-212-5419 or Beef Superintendent Veronica Wallace at 906-241-5711 with questions regarding the Junior Market Beef Show.

Thank you for your help in making the Upper Peninsula State Fair Junior Market Beef Show a success!

**Reminders:**

* **Please provide all information requested on the preliminary entry form and review for accuracy**
* **Code of Conduct must be signed by parent/guardian and exhibitor and returned with the preliminary entry form**
* **DNA & YQCA due March 14th**
* **Final entry and fees are due July 15th and must be completed online at upperpsf.fairwire.com**
* **Proof of breed registration papers for Champion market beef breed classes are due July 15th**
* **Every exhibitor must purchase a weekly pass, discounted junior exhibitor weekly passes will be available for purchase with your final online registration**
* **2025 Fair dates: August 11th-17th**

**The Upper Peninsula State Fair reserves the right to deny, accept conditionally, and to cancel any entries and awards of prizes without cause and without claims for damages.**