**UPPER PENINSULA STATE FAIR**

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 2025 Beef Barn Decorating Theme: Halloween Any questions concerning theme or decorating please contact Beef Assistant Supt. Connie @ 906-466-2440

**JUNIOR MARKET BEEF PRELIMINARY SHOW RULES: \*PLEASE NOTE CHANGES AT THE END\***

1. **Preliminary entries must be completed online only and submitted on or before February 15, 2025.** The preliminary entry form must be completed in its entirety (Please note that complete breeder information must be included, First and Last Name, address, and phone number). **Entries submitted after February 15, 2025 will not be accepted.**
2. **DNA Hair Sample is required**. Detailed instructions and official DNA Sample ID card will be mailed to each registered exhibitor after the February 15, 2025 deadline. The cost will be $15.00 for each market beef animal entered, and $0.00 for each alternate entered. The DNA hair sample is required for the alternate animal, however, there is no charge for the alternate DNA sample. The deadline for returning the DNA sample and the DNA processing fee is **March 14, 2025.**
3. Final entries to show at the fair must be made individually online at **upperpsf.fairwire.com** by **July 15, 2025**. Entry must show proper animal identification.
4. 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.
5. Competition is open to any Michigan resident between 8 years of age through the person’s 20th birthday. An exhibitor’s official fair age is the exhibitor’s age on January 1 of the year of the fair.
6. In order to participate in the Jr. Market Livestock competition and sale, exhibitors are required to participate in their respective Showmanship and Recordkeeping classes.
7. **In order to participate in the Jr. Market Livestock competition and sale, exhibitors are required to submit a completed Market Livestock Record book for each animal.** The record book can be found on the MSUE Delta County or the U.P. State Fair website. Records should begin on the day the exhibitor takes possession of the animal. Entry weights must be taped or scaled at the start of the feeding program. **Failure to turn in the Jr. Market Livestock Record Book no later than 1 p.m. Monday of fair week, will result in disqualification from the Market Class.**

8. All cattle exhibited at the U.P. State Fair are required to be tagged with electronic ear tags (RFID tags.) **Any cattle arriving at the Upper Peninsula State Fair without electronic ear tags in place will be refused entry.**

9. All beef animals will be identified by an RFID tag **and** the assigned UPSF ear tag. The Upper Peninsula State Fair will assign and furnish a UPSF ear tag after February 15, 2025, for each beef animal entered.

1. **In the event a UPSF ear tag or RFID Tag is lost, the exhibitor must call or email the Exhibitors Manager immediately with the new RFID tag #. There will be a $20.00 fee for a lost UPSF or RFID ear tag, which must be paid prior to unloading the animal at the UPSF. The animal will automatically be selected for DNA testing. The exhibitor will be mailed a “request for change from original registration” form. The procedures to follow will be clearly outlined. The completed form must be in the exhibitor’s possession before they are allowed to unload the animal on the UPSF fairgrounds. If an animal arrives at the fair without both correct identifying tags, it will not be allowed to enter the fair.**
2. Exhibitors are limited to exhibiting one market beef animal only in the show and sale. Each Exhibitor is allowed one alternate. Each Exhibitor may only register 2 animals. Families may enter an alternate beef animal to be used by any family member, but it must be listed as that exhibitors alternate.
3. Grand, Reserve Grand Champion Market beef animals are required to be sold at the Jr. Market Livestock Auction.
4. **The superintendent may exclude an animal from competition if there is an unnecessary or embarrassing delay by the exhibitor in bringing the animal into the show ring.** If an animal is not shown in its respective class, it will not be allowed to sell in the Junior Market Livestock Sale and premiums will be forfeited.
5. No drugs shall be administered to livestock that are prohibited by State or Federal regulations. Animals under the care of a licensed veterinarian and/or taking any type of performance enhancing medication which may include but is not limited to steroids, diuretics, anti-inflammatories, tranquilizers, and pain killers are ineligible for competition. Read all product labels closely to make sure they do not contain ingredients which may be interpreted as a performance enhancer. In instances where an animal has been administered an approved FDA drug for its species, the exhibitor must be aware drug residue may be found in the system longer than the labeled withdrawal time. Adequate time must have passed so the animal does not test positive for drugs upon arrival to the fair. Once the animal arrives at the Fair, they must remain free and clear of all drug and chemical residues.
6. The Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion and 3rd overall Market beef animals will be urine tested.
7. Market beef must be dehorned, animals with horns will be disqualified.
8. Market beef with scurs exceeding two (2) inches in length will be disqualified. Length to be measured and determined by Beef Superintendent.
9. Due to the high transmissibility of fungal infections and for the protection of all species, and the public, no animals with ringworm lesions will be admitted into the Upper Peninsula State Fair. Determination and dismissal to be determined by the contracted UPSF Veterinarian.
10. Because of the contagious nature of the papilloma virus, to protect herds without them, cattle with “warts” will not be allowed to exhibit at the UPSF. Determination and dismissal to be determined by the contracted UPSF Veterinarian.
11. No cattle with ectoparasites (lice, mites, etc.) will be allowed to enter the UPSF. Determination and dismissal to be determined by the contracted UPSF Veterinarian. Plan ahead when treating to ensure withdrawal times are met.
12. Due to animal wellness and safety concerns all livestock are restricted to the designated areas for that specie. Animals found outside of the designated areas will be immediately disqualified. Each barn must define their designated areas and make that information available and clearly displayed at the fair for all exhibitors.
13. The following practice is presumed to be a threat to livestock health and is prohibited: Injection and/or insertion including drenching of any material into an animal for medical or non-medical purposes without prior examination and approval from the UPSF veterinarian.
14. Any animal which appears to be unsafe for exhibitors, other animals, or general public, under the observation and recommendation from the Department Superintendent, UPSF Management, and a UPSF Authority Member shall be immediately removed from the fairgrounds.
15. Market Beef will be weighed immediately upon arrival at the fair. Check-in time is Sunday August 10, 2025 from 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Animals must have a minimum weight of 1,000 lbs. to be eligible for show and sale and be clean and dry before going on the scale. If an animal does not make weight, Exhibitors have the following options. Option A: If the exhibitor has an alternate animal they are allowed to get their alternate as long as they can arrive back at the fairgrounds before the scale closes at 5:00 pm. If they do not have an alternate or choose not to get their alternate then they can utilize Option B-Animal is required to go into the barn or designated area and could be fed and watered. They would have until the scale closes at 5:00 pm to re-weigh and make weight. Should the animal not weigh the minimum of 1,000 lbs. it will be removed from the scale, the scale will be zeroed and the animal will be immediately re-weighed one time. This is the final weight.There is no allowed scale tolerance when weighing in market animals and final weight is not allowed to be protested.
16. Market beef animals that do not meet minimum weight requirements may be allowed to compete in the age-appropriate Showmanship class. This determination will be made by the Superintendent pending space availability. If appropriate space is not available, the underweight animal must be removed from the fairgrounds by the exhibitor.
17. There is no maximum weight; however, market beef animals weighing over 1450 lbs. will be sold at the Jr. Market Livestock sale at 1450 lbs.
18. All cattle coming from the Lower Peninsula of Michigan must follow the movement requirements set forth by MDARD. The Upper Peninsula State Fair reserves the right to modify and increase the movement requirements (beyond the guidelines) set forth by MDARD.
19. Market beef animals must be housed in Michigan for the duration of the project and have been in the exhibitors care prior to February 15, 2025. The animal must be owned by the exhibitor continuously from pre-registration date until auction sale day of the Fair. Ownership will be considered lost if the animal has been consigned or sold through an auction even if the exhibitor buys back his/her animal.
20. 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.
21. Showmanship age classes:
	1. Class 280 Seniors (17-20 years old)
	2. Class 281 Intermediate (14-16 years old)
	3. Class 282 Juniors (11-13 years old)
	4. Class 283 Beginners (8-10 years old)
22. Junior Market beef animals must be born after January 1, 2024 to be eligible. Market beef animals are subject to mouthing for overage at the discretion of the Superintendent at any time. Overage animals are ineligible to compete if the first prominent incisor tooth is in wear. The UPSF Veterinarian makes the determination. A grievance must be filed to request a mouthing prior to the beginning of the show.
23. Junior Market beef animals may be a steer or heifer. Market heifers must provide a negative pregnancy test performed by a veterinarian. The test must be dated within 30 days of the beginning of the fair and identify the animal tested via RFID tag number.
24. Tattoos will be checked at weigh in on all market beef animals registered in champion classes

\*\*\*New for 2025\*\*\*

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**The Order of the Junior Beef Show will be as follows:**

**Showmanship - Pee-Wee Showmanship - Market Beef - Junior Beef Breeding**