



January 2024

TO: UPSF EXHIBITORS, LEADERS AND PARENTS

This communication includes information concerning preliminary entries for the 2024 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](http://upstatefair.net) under the Exhibitor tab.

The registration form is one per exhibitor. This is the only form that will be accepted. You may make copies if needed, but do not use forms from previous years.

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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 15<sup>th</sup>.

The deadline for preliminary entries is **February 15, 2024**. Please do not hesitate to contact the Exhibitors Manager Kelly Zellar at 906-786-2192 ext. 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 15th**
- **Final entry and fees are due July 15<sup>th</sup> and must be completed online at [upperpsf.fairwire.com](http://upperpsf.fairwire.com)**
- **Proof of breed registration papers for Champion market beef breed classes are due July 15<sup>th</sup>**
- **Every exhibitor must purchase a weekly pass, discounted junior exhibitor weekly passes will be available for purchase with your final online registration**
- **2024 Fair dates: August 12th-18th**
- **Camping reservations will be available June 1st at [upperpsf.fairwire.com](http://upperpsf.fairwire.com)**

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2024 Beef Barn Decorating Theme: The Looney Tunes 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 received/postmarked by the U.P. State Fair on or before February 15, 2024.** Entries may also be e-mailed or faxed. Entries must be made on the 2024 preliminary Entry Form for the Junior Market Beef Show and Sale. 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 received/postmarked after February 15, 2024 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, 2024 deadline. The cost will be \$12.00 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 15, 2024.**
3. Final entries to show at the fair must be made individually online at [upperpsf.fairwire.com](http://upperpsf.fairwire.com) by **July 15, 2024.** 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 9 years of age through the person's 19<sup>th</sup> 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 feeding program. All animals must have been owned by junior exhibitor, housed in Michigan for the duration of the project, and must have been in his/her care prior to February 15, 2024. **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, 2024, for each beef animal entered.
10. **In the event a UPSF ear tag or RFID Tag is lost, the exhibitor must call the fair office immediately with the new RFID tag #. There will be a \$25.00 fee for a lost UPSF or RFID ear tag, which must be paid prior to unloading the steer at the UPSF. The animal will be automatically 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.**
11. Exhibitors are limited to exhibiting one market beef animal only in the show and sale. Exhibitors/families may enter an alternate beef animal.

12. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market beef animals are required to be sold at the Jr. Market Livestock Auction.
13. **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.
14. 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.
15. The Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market beef animals will be urine tested.
16. Market beef must be dehorned, animals with horns will be disqualified.
17. Market beef with scurs exceeding two (2) inches in length will be disqualified. Length to be measured and determined by Beef Superintendent.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. 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.
22. 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.
23. 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.
24. **Market Beef will be weighed immediately upon arrival at the fair. Check-in time is Sunday August 11, 2024 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.

25. 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.
26. 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.
27. 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.
28. Market beef animals must be housed in Michigan for the duration of the project. 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.

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30. **Showmanship age classes:**
  - a. **Class 280 Seniors (17-19 years old)**
  - b. **Class 281 Intermediate (14-16 years old)**
  - c. **Class 282 Juniors (11-13 years old)**
  - d. **Class 283 Beginners (9-10 years old)**
31. **Junior Market beef animals must be born after January 1, 2023 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.**
32. **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.**
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**34. Tattoos will be checked on all market beef animals registered in champion classes**

**35. See item c below.**

The 2024 Junior Market Beef Animal Show is deemed “Free Choice”; however, the following rules and procedures will be followed;

- a. All fitting, clipping, grooming, blow drying, and applying product to the exhibit while on the fairgrounds **shall** be done by the exhibitor.
- b. Each exhibitor may have one adult helper to instruct **(VERBAL ONLY)** with the fitting of the animal.
- c. All Junior market beef Exhibitors (Division 3) may receive assistance **only** from other Junior market beef Exhibitors (Division 3). All other Showmanship exhibitors (Division 1) showing a breeding animal (that must also be registered in their name in the junior breeding show), may receive assistance from any other Showmanship exhibitor (Division 1). However, the exhibitor must be actively participating in the grooming as well.
- d. All fitting, clipping, grooming, blow drying and applying product to the exhibit while on the fairgrounds must be completed in the designated fitting area.
- e. If needed, the exhibitor is allowed one person to assist with moving the animal to and from the grooming area and the show ring for safety reasons
- f. In addition to the exhibitor, one person may be present in the “on deck” area, to help the exhibitor calm the animal if needed.

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

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

## 2024 Upper Peninsula State Fair Junior Market Beef Preliminary Entry Form

<b>Entry form &amp; signed Code of Conduct due February 15, 2024</b>	<b>Mail: UPSF 1001 N. Lincoln Rd. Escanaba, MI 49829</b>
<b>E-mail: Exhibitorsmanager@deltami.org</b>	<b>Fax: 906-786-8830</b>
<b>Form must be completed in its entirety</b>	
Upon completion of this entry form the Exhibitor/Parent/Club leader certifies the following:	
1) Market beef animals entered are being fed and handled as a productive enterprise project	2) a market livestock record book will be completed for each animal and delivered to the beef barn office no later than 1:00 pm Monday of fair week
3) the entry weight was determined using a dependable scale or tape on the date indicated	4) I have read the preliminary market beef show rules
5) a signed Code of Conduct is included with this preliminary registration	6) Final registration to be completed online no later than July 15, 2024
7) Market beef animal must be housed in Michigan for the duration of the project and be owned by the exhibitor continuously from pre-registration date until auction sale day of the Fair	

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<b>Exhibitor Information</b>						
Name:		Birthdate:		Fair age:		County:
Address:		Cell Phone:		Home Phone:		E-mail:
<b>Primary Market Beef Information</b>						
Address where animal is housed:		Entry Date:		Entry weight:		RFID#:
Breeder Name:		Breed:		Office use		Fair tag#
Breeder Address:		Sex:		Office use		DNA#:
<b>Alternate Market Beef Information</b>						
Address where animal is housed:		Entry Date:		Entry weight:		RFID#:
Breeder Name:		Breed:		Office use		Fair tag#
Breeder Address:		Sex:		Office use		DNA#:
<b>Parent Information</b>						
Name:						
Address:		Cell Phone:		Home Phone:		E-mail:
<b>Club Name:</b>						
Leader Name:						
Address:		Cell Phone:		Home Phone:		E-mail:

**UPPER PENINSULA STATE FAIR  
(Livestock Exhibitors)  
PARENTAL CODE OF CONDUCT**

**Inappropriate conduct by a participant, parent, leader, spectator or volunteer during the fair will be grounds for immediate disqualification and/or immediate ejection by Fair staff, Management Agent, or U.P. State Fair Authority. This includes, but is not limited to, disruptive behavior, poor sportsmanship, inappropriate language, inappropriate conduct, bullying and confrontations with any fair staff, other exhibitors or spectators.**

As a parent or legal guardian, of a Jr. Market Livestock exhibitor, exhibiting at the Upper Peninsula State Fair I agree to abide by the following:

- Maintain and promote a positive attitude towards the atmosphere of the Jr. Market Livestock program and follow all barn rules.
- I agree to encourage and guide my child, my club member, and myself to conduct ourselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. I will ask questions concerning rules and policy in an appropriate adult manner.
- I agree to abide by the restrictions of the Class C Liquor License; alcohol consumption is limited to designated areas on the fairgrounds. I further understand that none of the barns or buildings are designated areas.
- Instead of participating in a retaliatory manner, I will follow the Formal Protest guidelines in the Upper Peninsula State Fair Premium Book.
- I will keep the intent and spirit of the Upper Peninsula State Fair, and remember that my child/club member is the one exhibiting, not me. I will place the emotional and physical wellbeing of my child/club member ahead of my personal desire to win.
- No adult or exhibitor will conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of conduct and Upper Peninsula State Fair show rules or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of conduct or show rules.
- By signing this code of conduct I am accepting the responsibility of informing my immediate family members of the Parental Code of Conduct.
- Violation of the parental code of conduct will subject the individual (s) to disciplinary actions, up to and including, but not limited to; dismissal or disqualification, expulsion of the exhibitor.

**UPPER PENINSULA STATE FAIR  
(Livestock exhibitors)  
EXHIBITOR CODE OF CONDUCT**

**As an animal exhibitor in the UPSF Market Livestock Youth Show(s):**

- I believe my participation should demonstrate my own ability, knowledge, and skills as a feeder, fitter and caretaker of my animal(s).
- I understand the need to be responsible for developing the skills necessary to take my animal (s) from the farm to the show ring.
- I have read and understand the rules and regulations found in the UPSF Exhibitors Guide.
- I will follow the competition rules and will not use abusive, questionable, or unethical techniques in the feeding, caring, fitting and showing of my animal (s).
- I will not resort to fraudulent, illegal, or deceptive practices when preparing my animal(s) for the show ring.
- I will also not allow my parents, leader, or any other adult or minor to employ such practices to my animal(s).
- I have asked my parents, leader, or any other adult or minor to not break the rules on my behalf.
- I want my animal project to be an example of how to accept what life has to offer, good and bad, and how to live with the outcome.
  - I will respect my fellow exhibitors, and their project, and realize I have no right to disrupt or disturb their animal, barns or stalls. I further realize it is my responsibility as an exhibitor at the Upper Peninsula State Fair that I must report any or all unusual activity in or around any barn.
- I realize that I am responsible for:
  - Following the Herdsmanship Procedure
  - The proper care and humane treatment of my animal (s).
  - The production of wholesome food if my animal project is designated for market.
  - The care and grooming of my animal while at the UPSF.
  - Conducting myself with honesty and good sportsmanship.
  - Conducting myself to reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education.
- I understand and agree that when I, my parents, leader or any other adult or minor connected with my project or animal (s) break the rules, I agree to live by the final decision of the UPSF Management Team regarding disqualification of myself and /or my animal (s), loss of premium awards, auction proceeds, and my loss of future eligibility.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_