



BEEF DEPARTMENT

Beef Show Chairmen: Tom and Tricia Russell 540-399-1201

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All general rules and regulations for the CMR Farm Show apply to the Beef Department.
2. **All entries must be submitted by June 6, 2026. All entry information will be on our web site www.cmrfarmshow.com** The Secretary will be available at the Culpeper Agricultural Enterprises on **Saturday, June 6, 2026 from 10:00am - 12:00pm for assistance with entries.** Entries for the Registered heifers and Registered cow/calf pair classes **must have** a copy of their registration papers attached to the entry form. Otherwise, entry(s) will automatically be entered into a commercial class. No late registration papers will be accepted.
3. An exhibitor may show no more than two steers, two heifers, or two cow/calf pairs per class. There is no limit on bred and owned classes.
4. **To be a bred and owned project, the exhibitor must be the breeder and the first owner and continuous owner of the animal entered.** "Breeder" is defined as the owner and caretaker of the dam at the time of service by the bull. "First owner" is defined as the owner and caretaker of the dam and offspring at the time the offspring is born. "Continuous owner" is defined as the owner and caretaker of the animal without history of transfer by sale or any other means.
5. Entry fee is **\$8.00** per head for non-sale animals and **\$25.00** per head for sale animals. Cow/calf pairs are considered two head. **Fees are non-refundable.** (Sale animal entry fee includes buyer's rosette, buyer reception, buyer recognition and entry fee.) Any entries entered **after 6/06/2026 will be charged double entry fees.**
6. Health Requirements: Beef Chairman(s) will have a veterinarian check **ALL** animals at time of arrival to the CMR Farm Show for general good health. Any animal deemed unfit or possessing any contagious condition by the veterinarian will **NOT** be allowed in the barn and sent home immediately.
7. Each exhibitor must have his own barn display information board for each project animal being shown, including cow/ calf pairs. Information must include all items listed under the Barn Display Rules listed below.
8. Animals must be in the exhibitor's stall from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. every day of the show. All non-sale animals may be removed from the grounds after **4 p.m. on Sunday.** Any early dismissals are at the discretion of the Beef Department Chairman(s).
9. All Beef animals are the responsibility of the exhibitor to feed, water, and maintain in their stall until the conclusion of the sale on Monday. All beef exhibitors, especially senior members, are expected to be responsible for the care of their animals with minimum help from family members or other CMR livestock exhibitors.
10. All stalls must be kept clean and animals watered, walked and fed during the entire time at the CMR Farm Show.
11. Each exhibitor's stall needs to be taken down completely and removed Monday night before the exhibitor leaves.
12. All beef animals must be halter broke. Nose leads and tranquilizers are prohibited. The Beef Chairman(s) have the authority to remove any animal that they feel is unruly or considered to be a safety hazard.
13. Neck ropes are mandatory for all cattle in their assigned stall space.
14. Type class premiums will be: 1st - \$6, 2nd - \$5, 3rd - \$4, 4th - \$3, 5th - \$2, 6th - \$1
15. Bred and Owned class premiums will be: 1st - \$10, 2nd - \$8, 3rd - \$6, 4th - \$4, 5th - \$2.
16. Showmanship class premiums will be: 1st - \$12, 2nd - \$10, 3rd - \$8, 4th - \$6, 5th - \$4, 6th - \$2.
17. All exhibitors **must** participate in the Beef Showmanship Contest using their own project animal unless approved by the Beef Department Chairman(s).
18. **Only** exhibitors that are showing Beef Cattle in the CMR Farm Show are eligible to assist other CMR beef livestock exhibitors in the ring, including the cow/calf pair classes.
19. Cattle in the Beef Show may be clipped, washed, brushed and/or combed. Only conditioning sprays and sheens are allowed. **NO** glue, adhesives, paints, artificial add-ons, or related materials may be used. If caught using unapproved materials, you will be **immediately disqualified** from the CMR Beef Show. Disqualification will prevent the exhibitor from selling their project animal.
20. All CMR beef livestock exhibitors are expected to fit (see rule #19) their own project animal with minimum assistance from a family member and/or other CMR Beef Livestock exhibitor.
21. The alleyway near the show ring is to be kept clear of all personal items.
22. Tie out areas will be available on a first come/ first served basis.
23. Cattle need to remain in the designated areas of the Beef Department. There will be areas assigned for fitting livestock. **ALL** fitting requiring blowers, clippers, or other electrical usage must be done in this area only. The Beef

Department Chairman(s) must approve any other areas to be used.

24. Blowers must have their own generators, which must be located outside of the barn by the designated fitting area.
25. Exhibitors need to be in the ready ring and ready to go in the show ring when their class is called.
26. Tack spaces will be assigned based on the following: 1 family- 4-foot space; 2 families- 8-foot space; 3 or more families –12-foot space. This tack rule only applies to the exhibitors that are on the last row by the show ring/ lower barn. All other exhibitors have the alley way behind them. If you are stalling with another family, you will need to let the Beef Department Chairman(s) know prior to **6/06/2026**. We will make every attempt to grant your request, but will not guarantee that the request will be honored due to limited space.
27. Record books must be **completely filled out** and turned into the Extension Office by **July 31th 2026**.
28. Regarding the sale of animals, see CMR Farm Show General Rule #16, which fully applies in this department.
29. The decisions of the Beef Department Chairman(s) are final.

HEIFER AND COW/CALF SHOW RULES

1. All heifers must be in the possession of the exhibitor and registered heifers must be in the possession of and registered in the exhibitor's name by May 1, 2026. If a heifer project should die, the Beef Department Chairman(s) must be notified immediately. If a replacement heifer can be found by May 1, 2026, it is eligible to be shown if it meets all other qualifying criteria.
2. Registered Heifer registration papers and tattoos will be checked at the CMR Farm Show by the Beef Department Chairman(s). Registered heifers will be shown by age. Animals with **NO** registration papers are considered commercial. For registered heifers, if there are two or more entries in a particular breed, they will have their own class. All others will go in the "All Other Breed" (AOB) class.
3. Commercial Heifers will be shown by weight. The Beef Department Chairman(s) has the final say in class divisions.
4. In the Cow/ Calf pair classes, the cow must have been owned and shown at CMR Farm Show as a heifer by the exhibitor.
5. Pens will be assigned for cow/calf pairs. **ONLY** cow/calf pairs are allowed to be in these pens. All other cattle will need to be tied at your designated area provided by the Beef Chairman(s). Exhibitor is responsible for water and feed troughs for their own cow/calf pen set- up.

STEER SHOW RULES

1. Steer(s) must have been born January 1, 2025 or after.
2. All Steers must be weighed in at the Culpeper location in January to be able to show and sell. Steers must either be properly castrated or banded (castration = complete removal of testicles) before the January 3, 2026 Weigh- In.
3. All steers must be owned and, in the possession and care of the exhibitor by **January 3, 2026**. If the project steer should die, the Beef Department Chairman(s) must be **notified immediately**. If a replacement steer can be found 100 days before the CMR Farm Show, it is eligible to be shown if it meets all other qualifying criteria. The replacement steer will **NOT** be eligible for prizes in the carcass contest or average daily gain.
4. All steers exhibiting any secondary bull characteristics at the CMR Farm Show will be ineligible for the show, sale, or carcass contest and will be sent home.
5. Market steers will be shown by weight. The Beef Department Chairman(s) has the final say in class divisions.
6. To be eligible for the Grand or Reserve Grand Champion Steer, a steer must have a minimum weight of 1000 pounds and a minimum quality grade of Choice. To be eligible to sell in the CMR Sale and participate in the Carcass Contest, a steer must have a minimum weight of 1000 pounds and a minimum quality grade of Select.
7. The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion steer must sell in the sale unless both are owned by one exhibitor; in that case, the Grand Champion must sell.
8. An exhibitor may sell only **ONE** steer in the sale.
9. All Dairy Beef and Beef steers will be shown separately and shown by weight.

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

- Sr Showmanship 16-19yr
- Intermediate Showmanship 13-15yr
- Jr Showmanship 9-12yr
- Novice* Showmanship 9-12yr
- *Novice exhibitors are in their first year of showing beef cattle*

REGISTERED HEIFER CLASSES

(Classes will be held for any breed that has at least 2 entries.)

- Senior Heifer Calves-born September 1 to December 31, 2025
- Summer Yearling Heifers-born May 1 to August 31, 2025
- Late Junior Yearling Heifers-born March 1 to April 30, 2025
- Early Junior Yearling Heifers-born January 1 to February 28, 2025
- Senior Yearling Heifers-born September 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

COMMERCIAL HEIFER CLASSES

(For any unregistered Purebred or Commercial heifer)

- All Commercial Heifers must be born between the dates of September 1, 2024 and December 31, 2025. All Commercial Heifers will be shown by weight. Classes will be determined after the Commercial Heifers will be weighed in on Thursday July 9, 2026. Classes will be broken out at the discretion of the Beef Chairman(s).
- All Bred and Owned Heifers (See Beef Department General Rules and Regulations # 4 above)

COW/CALF PAIR CLASSES

- Registered Cow/Calf- calf age up to 8 months, dam under 4 years
- Registered Cow/Calf- calf age up to 8 months, dam over 4 years
- Commercial Cow/Calf- calf age up to 8 months, dam under 4 years
- Commercial Cow/Calf- calf age up to 8 months, dam over 4 years

FEEDER STEER CLASSES

- Feeder Steers (Steers weighing less than 1000 lbs.) Not eligible for Grand Champion Steer or the Sale.

MARKET STEER CLASSES

- Market Steers will be shown by weight. Classes will be broken out at the discretion of the Beef Chairman(s).
- All Bred and Owned Market Steers (See Beef Department General Rules and Regulations # 4 above)

OTHER AWARDS FOR BEEF EXHIBITORS ONLY:

SENIOR SCRAPBOOKS for ages 14-19

Turn into Beef Department Chairman(s) on Friday, July 10, 2026 by noon.

JUNIOR SCRAPBOOKS for ages 9-13

Turn into Beef Department Chairman(s) on Friday, July 10, 2026 by noon

BARN DISPLAY- Must be up by 10:00 AM Friday, July 10, 2026. All displays will need to have the animal's name, exhibitor's name, breed, date of birth, and breeder's name. Steers need to have a beginning weight, ending weight and average daily gain. Each exhibitor participating must have an educational display.

OUTSTANDING NOVICE AWARD

This award will be presented to a first-year beef showman (Junior or Senior) with the following basis: 45% on winning novice showmanship class, 45% on exhibitor's conduct and 10% on barn display.

OUTSTANDING BEEF EXHIBITOR

Judged on showing performance, exhibit/pen area cleanliness and presentation, exhibitor conduct, and an educational display.

**Beef Show
July 11th, 2026, 10:00 AM
Followed by
"Old Timers" Showmanship
In Lower Barn**

CARCASS EVALUATION CONTEST

Performance & Carcass Awards Picnic Committee

Chairmen: Tom & Tricia Russell

Andy Anderson

Jay Coisman

Becky Ramsey

Sean Somerville

RULES AND REGULATIONS – BEEF

1. All Steers will be weighed on **Thursday July 09, 2026** and ultrasound of the animals will take place between 2-4 PM (Ultrasound date could possibly change due to availability).
2. Carcass data will be recorded by ultrasound, and class placing will be determined by using a profitability formula approved by the Beef Chairman(s). Beef breeds and dairy beef breeds will be ranked separately.
3. Premiums will be based on donations received.
4. Steers are identified by a numbered ear tag assigned by the Beef Department Chairman(s) at the time the animal is weighed-in during the January 3rd Weigh-In. **All steers must be weighed in at the Culpeper location to participate in carcass contest.**
5. An exhibitor may be allowed to enter a maximum of two steers (pending ADG and grade) at the discretion of the Beef Department Chairman(s).
6. To be considered for Grand and Reserve Champion, steer or steers must have:
 - a. A minimum carcass grade of Choice Minus
 - b. An average daily gain that meets or exceeds the average ADG for all steers entered in the contest
 - c. A yield grade 3.4 or less for carcass quality grade C+ or higher; a yield grade of 3.1 or less for carcass quality grade Choice, a yield grade 2.9 or less for carcass quality grade C-.
 - d. Maximum Carcass weight of 950 pounds
7. The Carcass Awards Picnic will be announced at a later date. The Carcass Committee will arrange the picnic.
8. In order to cover the cost of the ultrasound, entry fees will be determined based on supplemental grants availability, and will not exceed \$25.00/ head.
9. If we are unable to find an ultrasound technician, we will only be doing an ADG contest.

CARCASS AWARDS- BEEF

GRAND CHAMPION CARCASS

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION CARCASS

TOP AVERAGE DAILY GAIN STEER

LARGEST RIBEYE

PERFORMANCE AWARDS- GOATS

TOP AVERAGE DAILY GAIN

PERFORMANCE AWARDS- SHEEP

TOP AVERAGE DAILY GAIN

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PERFORMANCE AWARDS-SWINE

TOP AVERAGE DAILY GAIN

Award- In Memory of B. F. Wise by Shirley Wise

Prize Money – Sponsored by Farm Credit, Oliver Brown, Jim Massie, Jeff & Billy Wise

***Performance Picnic will be Friday, July 24, 2026
6:30 PM at Kildee Farm in Stevensburg, VA.
19295 Batna Road Culpeper, VA 22701
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.***