

# Madison County Beef Cattle Show Madison County Fair Embry Curry Arena Tuesday July 28, 2026

**Beef Cattle Show starts at 6 pm**  
**Fair Admission at gate is your show entry fee**

## Open 4-H & FFA Classes

Participants will receive ribbons based on Danish System (Blue, Red, and White). All novice participants will receive recognition ribbons.

Class #	Class Name	Payout
1 Open	Open Senior Showmanship Youth Ages 17-21	1 <sup>st</sup> : \$20 2 <sup>nd</sup> : \$15 3 <sup>rd</sup> : \$10 4 <sup>th</sup> : \$5
2 Madison Co 4-H/FFA	Madison Co. Senior Showmanship Youth Ages 17-21	1 <sup>st</sup> : \$20 2 <sup>nd</sup> : \$15 3 <sup>rd</sup> : \$10 4 <sup>th</sup> : \$5
3 Open	Open. Intermediate Showmanship Youth Ages 14-16	1 <sup>st</sup> : \$20 2 <sup>nd</sup> : \$15 3 <sup>rd</sup> : \$10 4 <sup>th</sup> : \$5
4 Madison Co 4-H/FFA	Madison Co. Intermediate Showmanship Youth Ages 14-16	1 <sup>st</sup> : \$20 2 <sup>nd</sup> : \$15 3 <sup>rd</sup> : \$10 4 <sup>th</sup> : \$5
5 Open	Open Junior Showmanship Youth Ages 9-13	1 <sup>st</sup> : \$20 2 <sup>nd</sup> : \$15 3 <sup>rd</sup> : \$10 4 <sup>th</sup> : \$5
6 Madison Co 4-H/FFA	Madison Co. Junior Showmanship Youth Ages 9-13	1 <sup>st</sup> : \$20 2 <sup>nd</sup> : \$15 3 <sup>rd</sup> : \$10 4 <sup>th</sup> : \$5
1 Open	Open Novice Showmanship (Beef or Dairy) Youth Ages 5-8	All Entries Receive \$5
2 Madison Co 4-H/FFA	Madison Co. Novice Showmanship (Beef or Dairy) Youth Ages 5-8	All Entries Receive \$5
7 4H&FFA together	Light Weight Steer/Market Heifer	1 <sup>st</sup> : \$50 2 <sup>nd</sup> : \$20 3 <sup>rd</sup> : \$10
8 4H&FFA together	Medium Weight Steer/Market Heifer	1 <sup>st</sup> : \$50 2 <sup>nd</sup> : \$20 3 <sup>rd</sup> : \$10
9 4H&FFA together	Heavy Weight Steer/Market Heifer	1 <sup>st</sup> : \$50 2 <sup>nd</sup> : \$20 3 <sup>rd</sup> : \$10
10 4H&FFA together	Grand Champion Steer/Market Heifer	\$300 Champion \$150 Reserve
11 Madison Co 4-H/FFA	Madison Co. Owned Steer/Market Heifer	\$50 Champion \$25 Reserve
12 4H&FFA together	Novice Heifer Class: All Novice Breeding Heifers Youth Ages 5-8	All entries receive \$5
13 Madison Co 4-H/FFA	Madison Co. Owned Breeding Heifer	\$50 Champion \$25 Reserve
<b>NOTE:</b>	<b>Youth can show in Open Classes but will receive open payout &amp; ribbons only!</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup>: \$25 2<sup>nd</sup>: \$20 3<sup>rd</sup>: \$15 4<sup>th</sup>: \$10</b>

## 4-H/FFA Classes Show Rules:

1. The 2026 KY State Fair Catalog 4-H/FFA Youth Livestock Rules will serve as guidance if needed.
2. Health requirements. See 2026 KY State Fair Catalog under 4-H/FFA Youth Livestock Rules. Must have an official health certificate.
3. To enter, a child must be a 4-H/FFA Member enrolled in a beef project and have completed at least 6 hours educational training.
4. The animal must be owned by, and under the direct care of, the exhibitor on or before March 15, 2026 for market animals, June 1, 2026 for breeding animals.
5. All steers and commercial heifers must be KUIP tagged no later than March 31, 2026 to be eligible to show in the Madison County Fair.
6. Exhibitors may enter 2 steers or market heifers into the Madison County Steer/Heifer Show.
7. All steers/heifers will be shown by weight and will be broken into appropriate classes. Calves must weigh at least 850 pounds. Novice Showmen are exempt from weight requirements.
8. Heifer registration papers must be in the child's name by June 1, 2026 in accordance to KY State Fair Rules.
9. Madison County Owned Heifer/Steer Classes: Animals entered into this class must be the project animal of a Madison County youth.
10. **Any youth exhibitors showing in open classes receive open payout only. They are not eligible for both a youth payment and an open show payment.**

## Open Beef Cattle Classes

### Payout

Top four places are awarded 1<sup>st</sup>-\$25, 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$20, 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$15, and 4<sup>th</sup>-\$10  
Best of Breed \$50 and Reserve Best of Breed \$25  
Supreme Champions \$300 and Reserve Supreme Champions \$150

### Breakdown of Ages for Class Eligibility:

1. Jr. Calf -born on January 1, 2026 or after
2. Sr. Calf -born on or between September 1 and December 31, 2025
3. Summer Yearling -born on or between May 1 and August 31, 2025
4. Jr. Yearling -born on or between January 1 and April 30, 2025
5. Sr. Yearling -born on or between September 1 and December 31, 2024
6. Cow/Calf Classes -cows 2 years old and older with a nursing calf at side.
7. Supreme Champion Female -Best of Breed winners make up this class.
8. Reserve Champion Female -Best of Breed winners make up this class with the second place female selected from class in which the Supreme Champion was selected.

## Open Heifer Classes

	Angus	Charolais	Hereford	Simmental	AOB & Crossbred
Junior Calf	0	1	2	3	4
Senior Calf	10	11	12	13	14
Summer Yearling	20	21	22	23	24
Junior Yearling	30	31	32	33	34
Senior Yearling	40	41	42	43	44
Cow/Calf	50	51	52	53	54
Best Of Breed	60	61	62	63	64

### **Supreme and Reserve Champion Female:**

Best of Breed winners make up this class with the second place female selected from class in which the Supreme Champion was selected.

**Note:** If 8 or more of any breed are present the show committee will add a class if it is not already listed, otherwise those cattle will show in AOB & Crossbreeds

## **Open Bull Classes**

	Angus	Charolais	Hereford	Simmental	AOB & Crossbred
<b>Junior Calf</b>	0	1	2	3	4
<b>Senior Calf</b>	10	11	12	13	14
<b>Summer Yearling</b>	20	21	22	23	24
<b>Junior Yearling</b>	30	31	32	33	34
<b>Senior Yearling</b>	40	41	42	43	44
<b>Best Of Breed</b>	50	51	52	53	54

### **Supreme and Reserve Champion Bull:**

Best of Breed winners make up this class with the second place bull selected from class in which the Supreme Champion was selected.

**Note:** If 8 or more of any breed are present the show committee will add a class if it is not already listed, otherwise those cattle will show in AOB & Crossbreeds

Call the Madison County Extension Office at 859-623-4072 with questions.