

BEEF CATTLE DEPARTMENT OPEN SHOW

2026 Guadalupe County Fair & Rodeo Association

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Show at a Glance

ENTRY DEADLINE October 8, 2026	ENTRY FEE \$30 per animal	TACK ONLY Thursday, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.
CATTLE ARRIVAL Friday, October 9	JUDGING Saturday, October 10, 9 a.m.	RELEASE Saturday after judging

Entry and Arrival Information

- Entries must be made by October 8, 2026. Late entries may be accepted if stall space is available.
- Late entries require an additional \$10 cash fee.
- Complete cattle entries online at gcfair.org. Submit one website entry per animal.
- Tack may arrive Thursday from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Beef Steers, Prospect Steers, Junior Prospect Steers, and Breeding Beef Cattle arrive Friday, October 9.
- Bring your own shavings. Livestock trailers may not remain around the cattle barn; that area is for unloading and loading only.
- For information call (830) 379-1972 or email t-franke@tamu.edu.

Beef Cattle Divisions

AMERICAN	ENGLISH	EXOTIC
Brahman, Brangus, Beefmaster, Santa Gertrudis, Simbrah, Brahmousin, Bralers, Red Brangus	Angus, Red Angus, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Shorthorn	Charolais, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, Simmental, Chianina

Heifer Classes

CLASS	DIVISION	BIRTH DATE
1	Junior Calf	Calved on or after January 1, 2026
2	Senior Calf	Calved September 1-December 31, 2025
3	Summer Yearling	Calved May 2-August 31, 2025
4	Spring Yearling	Calved January 1-April 30, 2025
5	Early Senior Yearling	Calved September 1-December 31, 2024
6	Late Senior Yearling	Calved May 1-August 31, 2024

Junior Prospect Steer Show

- 1 Open to all 4-H and FFA members.
- 2 Wild or unruly steers will not be allowed in the show arena.
- 3 Weight cards are due Friday, October 9 at 7 p.m.

- 4 Steers will show by American, English, and Exotic divisions. Depending on entries, each division will be separated into three weight groups.
- 5 Junior Showmanship may include heifers and steers. Showmanship classes follow the Breeding Heifer Show. Junior exhibitors are ages 8-13; Senior exhibitors are ages 14-18. The Showmanship entry fee is \$10 at the time of competition.

Awards

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champion Heifer of each division • Reserve Champion Heifer of each division • Grand Champion Heifer of Show • Reserve Champion Heifer of Show • Showmanship - Junior and Senior | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Division Champions • Division Reserve Champions • Grand Champion Steer • Reserve Champion Steer • Overall Grand and Reserve Champion Steers receive \$500 scholarships |
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General Livestock Rules

- 1 The Fair opens officially at 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2026.
- 2 Entry forms must be received by the deadlines specified in the department rules.
- 3 The entry fee must accompany the application. Entries will not be accepted without payment.
- 4 Competition is open to Texas exhibitors. All exhibitors must be familiar with these rules and regulations.
- 5 Awards are given in departments with qualifying competition. Competition is established when three or more animals of the same breed and sex are exhibited, except where specifically stated. When only one or two are entered, they will show in the all-other-participating-breeds class unless otherwise stated.
- 6 The Guadalupe Agriculture and Livestock Fair will exercise due care of exhibits but is not responsible for accidents or loss.
- 7 Exhibitors must keep aisles and stalls clean. Trash and litter must be placed at designated locations. Bedding must be cleaned, and livestock must be in stalls or pens by 9 a.m. each day. Place refuse in dumpsters.
- 8 Lottery or gambling is not permitted on the Fairgrounds.
- 9 Awards are ordered based on entries made on or before October 1.
- 10 Only first-prize animals are eligible to compete for Grand Championship honors.
- 11 An exhibitor who previously received a livestock scholarship for the same species may earn additional scholarships up to a \$2,000 cumulative maximum through Guadalupe County Fair & Rodeo competition in that species. If the exhibitor is no longer eligible, the scholarship passes to the next highest-ranking eligible exhibitor in that species, as designated by the judge.

Trailer Parking and Unloading

- Livestock trailer parking is located in the West Field Parking Lot.
- No trailers are permitted past the cattle barn and Dance Pavilion area.
- The area near the barns is for unloading and loading only.

Official information: Review current updates and complete online cattle entry at gcfair.org.