



The Georgia Junior Livestock Program

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2024 GEORGIA JUNIOR BEEF FUTURITY

Judge- **Danny Davis** Maple Hill, Kansas

Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agri-center, Perry, GA

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The Georgia Junior Beef Futurity is hosted cooperatively between Georgia FFA and Georgia 4-H.

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- Eligibility:** Open to the world for all bona-fide FFA and 4-H members. 4-H'ers must be in the 4th grade on September 1, 2024 to compete. Any member who has graduated from high school is not eligible to compete.
- Entry Fees:** Entry fees will be \$35/per calf. Showmanship will be \$5 per student. Grooming chute fee is \$25.00/chute. Port-a-Cool (or other evaporative cooling units) fee is \$50.00/unit. **You provide your own chute and/or Port-a-Cool, the fee is for the sticker to have them on grounds.** T-shirts are \$15.00/shirt. Entries must be entered online no later than June 14. All pending registration info must be submitted by June 21.
- All 4-H exhibitors (Georgia and out of state exhibitors) are required to complete a Georgia 4-H Code of Conduct Form, Georgia 4-H Medical Information & Release Form. Georgia 4-H exhibitors must work with their county staff to upload these forms to Event Registration prior to the entry deadline of June 14. Out of state exhibitors, please email these forms to Carole Knight clh@uga.edu.

Georgia 4-H Code of Conduct: <https://secure.georgia4h.org/documents/CodeOfConduct.pdf>

Georgia 4-H Medical Information & Release Form: <https://secure.georgia4h.org/documents/MedicalForm.pdf>

- There is no limit on the total number of heifers or steers entered by an exhibitor, however, no more than two steers or no more than two heifers may be entered or shown per class by the exhibitor.
- Exhibitors must maintain continuous full ownership, possession and provide primary care for their steer and or heifer by June 14.
- Heifers and steers are required to be individually identified (tattoo, ear tag or brand) and that identifier be verified at time of check in.
 - Exhibitors with heifers eligible for the 2025 Georgia State Show may choose to have their registration papers stamped. This will help expedite the registration heifer check in process at the Georgia National Fair and Georgia State Show
 - Heifers must have original papers and a very legible tattoo that matches the registration papers.
- An official health certificate as required by Georgia Department of Agriculture regulations must accompany steers and heifers. (Refer to the Georgia 4-H and FFA State Show Rules and Regulations for details). Out of state exhibitors may want to call the Georgia Department of Agriculture for regulations concerning out of state cattle: 404/656-3667.)
- Cattle will be tied on shavings; no straw allowed in the barn. Exhibitors will need to provide straw to bed tie-outs.

9. Force filling of cattle with any substance, water included, is prohibited. This includes use of pumps, tubes, hoses, etc. Drenches are acceptable, when using products to help the animal (example - electrolytes, calming, and bloat guards). Drench applicators must be 150cc/ml or less. All animals must be shown in their natural conformation and structure without alteration by modification except for the grooming and treatment of the hair and trimming of the hooves. No graphite, hair, cotton twine, etc. may be applied.
10. Drugs and Diuretics: Administration of any drug of any kind or description internally or externally is prohibited, except for treating a recognized disease or injury as prescribed by a licensed veterinarian. For the purpose of these rules the term "drug" shall mean: any substance, the sale, possession or use of which is controlled by license under federal, state or local laws or regulations and any substance commonly used by the medical or veterinary professions which affect circulatory, respiratory or central nervous systems of an animal to include diuretics. The use of any diuretic for any purpose whatsoever on any animal in the show is prohibited. Show management reserves the right to take blood and/or urine samples for analysis of any animal. Any violators will be reported to the appropriate state and federal authorities.
11. No dogs are allowed (Please leave them at home).
12. **Port-A-Cools or other evaporative cooling systems are allowed with a \$50/unit sticker. All evaporative cooling units must be provided/maintained by exhibitor and preregistered on entry form.** There will be no units allowed without pre-registration; this includes units used outside of the barn. You **cannot** purchase a unit sticker at the show. Evaporative units must be placed in the assigned stalling space. No units will be allowed in the aisles!
13. Grooming chutes will require a validation sticker that will cost \$25/chute. All chutes must have a sticker by close of check-in or they will be confiscated and only released for a fee.
14. Stall assignments will be pre-assigned. Stalling requests can be emailed to gacattlestalling@gmail.com by June 21. 4-H and FFA groups from the same county will be stalled together. Upon arrival, a representative should go to the Beef Office to view the posted stall assignments and pick up any validation stickers. A tie space is not guaranteed for your grooming chute. Youth are encouraged to share grooming chutes and tack areas.
 - a. Stalling assignments will be emailed out to the email address on the entry forms (that the exhibitor provided).
 - b. Stalling assignments will be put on Georgia Jr Livestock Stock Shows Facebook Page.
15. All exhibitors participating in showmanship must show their own animal. Exhibitors in showmanship will not be allowed to change their animal once the showmanship class starts.
16. The use of nose tongs will not be allowed to exhibit steers or heifers. Please leave unruly animals at home. If an animal gets away from the exhibitor three times, the exhibitor will be asked to leave the show ring.
17. Each exhibitor must show his or her own animal unless the exhibitor has more than one in the same class or permission is given by the chairmen of the show. All substitute show persons must be a 4-H or FFA members and must be approved by the show chairmen.
18. If an exhibitor is disqualified from the Georgia National Fair or the Georgia Junior National Livestock Show, the exhibitor is not eligible to compete in the Georgia Junior Beef Futurity if the Georgia Junior Beef Futurity falls within the designated 12 month or one complete show year (whichever is greater) disqualification.
19. Any protests against eligibility or adherence to these rules and regulations must be filed as a written, signed statement with the show chairmen accompanied by a \$50.00 cash deposit. This statement must be turned in before the end of that particular show. Ex. Market heifer. If the protest is not sustained by the grievance committee the deposit shall be forfeited to the show committee. Protests will only be accepted from 4-H or FFA exhibitors (who are exhibiting at the show), Ag Teacher or Agents.
20. No premium money is guaranteed at the Georgia Junior Beef Futurity. Premiums are made possible through show sponsorship. Please check show programs for a list of current year sponsors.

21. Breeding Heifers:

- A. Classification of registered heifers is as follows:
 - i. Class I Junior heifer calves born January 1, 2024 and after
 - ii. Class II Winter heifer calves born November 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023
 - iii. Class III Fall heifer calves born September 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023
 - iv. Class IV Summer heifers born July 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023
 - v. Class V Spring yearling born April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023
 - vi. Class VI Early Spring yearling born January 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023
 - vii. Class VII Mature Winter Heifers born November 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.
 - viii. Class VIII Mature Fall Heifers born September 1, 2022 through October 31, 2022.
- B. Show officials reserve the right to split larger classes into smaller workable classes and to combine classes and/or divisions into larger classes
- C. Commercial heifers will be weighed but should conform to the ages listed above. Minimum weight for commercial heifers is **400 lbs.** There will be no declaring of weights for commercial heifers or steers, and there will be no weigh back.
- D. Commercial Heifers may be shown as Market Heifers or vice versa, You must enter the heifer in both shows on the entry form and pay for each entry. (One heifer two entries and two entry fees)
- E. An original registration certificate in the exhibitor's name only (no farm name accepted) is required on all registered heifers at the time of check-in. No faxes or photocopies will be accepted.
- F. Registered heifers will be shown by breed; however, breeds without a sponsoring association will show as (AOB) All Other Breeds. Purebred breeds with less than five (5) will be combined to "All Other Breeds".
- G. There will be a "Composite Other Breeds" division which will include any percentage registered breeds with less than five (5) head present at the show (Low Percentage Simmental, Chi-Influence, and Charolais Record).
- H. Following are heifer specific breed requirements:
 - a. **Charolais** - Only purebred Charolais will be allowed to compete in the Charolais Show. Charolais Records will have a show if there are five (5) checked-in, if not they will show in the Composite Other Breeds.
 - b. **Chi-influence** - Chi-Influence heifers must be 6.25% or greater. If there are less than five after check-in, they show in the Composite Other Breeds division.
 - c. **Limousin** - Registered Limousin heifers must be orange papered and 75% or higher to compete in the Limousin show. All Lim-Flex heifers must be purple papered and 25% or higher. Limousin and Lim-Flex females will show together in one show.
 - d. **Maine-Anjou** - Registered High % Maine heifers must be Brown papered and 75% or higher to compete in the Maine Show. All Maintainer heifers must be Green papered and 1/4 - 5/8 Maine-Anjou to show in the Maine show. Maine Angus cattle must be Blue papered and 3/8 Maine-Anjou to 5/8 Maine-Anjou blood and have between 3/8 registered Angus to 5/8 registered Angus and/or registered Red Angus blood to show in the Maine show. High % Maine, Maintainer and Maine Angus females will show together in one show.
 - e. **Simmental** - Registered Fullblood (Fleckvieh) Simmentals will have a separate breed show if there are five (5) or more checked-in for the show. Purebreds will be recognized as Simmentals. Registered percentage Simmentals will have a separate breed show if there are five (5) or more checked-in for the show. If there are less than five (5) High Percentage Simmentals, they will be combined with the purebred Simmental. High Percentage Simmental heifers must be at least 1/2 Simmental genetics to compete in the High Percentage Simmental Show. Any registered Percentage Heifer that is less than 1/2 Simmental genetics will show in

the Low Percentage division IF there are five (5) or more head entered in the show. If there are less than five (5) Low Percentage heifers, they will show in the Composite Other Breeds Division.

- I. Each breed division will have a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion and those two (2) heifers will then compete for the Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion the final drive. Third, Fourth and Fifth Overall Heifers will be selected from all the Grand and Reserve Breed Champions.

22. Prospect Market Heifers:

- A. The Market show will be divided into Prospect (975 and below) and Progress (976 and above)
- B. The Futurity Prospect Market Heifer Show minimum weight is 400 lbs. and maximum weight is 975 lbs.
- C. Market Heifers may be shown as Commercial Heifers or vice versa, You must enter the heifer in both shows on the entry form and pay for each entry. (One heifer two entries and two entry fees).
- D. Market Heifers will be shown by weight in crossbred classes. Market Heifers will not be shown by breed classification or by registration papers. Market Heifers will compete for Grand & Reserve Champion Market Heifer. Prospect Market Heifers will compete for Overall Top Five Champion Drive with the Market Steers. Market Heifers are eligible to show as both Breeding Heifer & Market Heifer at the Georgia Junior Beef Futurity (exhibitor must include entry fee for each show).

23. Prospect Market Steers:

- A. The Market Show will be divided into Prospect (975 and below) and Progress (976 and above). The Futurity Prospect Market Steer Show minimum weight is 400 lbs.
- B. Steers will be shown by breed classification and weight. Breed must be entered on the entry form. Three (3) classifiers will independently determine if a steer is entered correctly. If two or more disagree with the breed declared on the entry form, the entry will be automatically moved to the crossbred division. The classifier's decision is final. Breeds with 10 head or more will be shown in at least two (2) classes.
- C. You may declare only those breeds listed on the entry form. Of those options, those breeds with less than five (5) head will be shown as All Other Breeds (AOB).
- D. In the Prospect show: Each breed division will have a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion and those two (2) steers, along with the Grand and Reserve Champion Market Heifers, will then compete for the Overall Prospect Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in the final drive. Third, Fourth and Fifth Overall will be selected from all the Grand and Reserve Breed Champions.
- E. Steers will be classified based on the "Georgia 4-H and FFA State Steer Breed Classification Guidelines". A copy can be found at <http://gaaged.org/livestock/>.
- F. A Slick Steer division will be add to the Prospect show
 - a. Slick steers will show with haired steers and Mkt heifers for top 5 honors.
 - b. **Hair:** To ensure fairness and uniformity, it is imperative that steers are properly groomed before being brought to the Fairgrounds. Steers must be shorn, leaving no more than ¼ inch of hair on any part of their body, except for the tail switch. The tail switch should not extend beyond 12 inches above the tail's cartilage.

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- c. Hair may be left on the tailhead (Beef Futurity ONLY rule)
 - d. Hair may be left below the knee and hock (Beef Futurity ONLY rule)
 - e. Failure to comply with the ¼ inch hair length requirement across the entire body may lead to disqualification, as determined by the Superintendent(s) during the weigh-in session. Steers that have not been shorn will automatically be disqualified from participating in the show. Please note that the decision of the Superintendent(s) is final.
 - f. **Recommend Clipper Blades:** Andis #5FC, Oster A5 #5 Skiptooth, or a Narrow Blade with a guide size of ¼ inch length.
 - g. **Fitting:** The use of various materials such as painting, powdering, artificial coloring, adhesives, and similar substances is strictly forbidden. Application of graphite, hair, cotton twine, or any similar elements is also prohibited. The final decision on the suitability of the entries will be made by the Show Superintendents and cannot be contested. Any violation of this rule will result in disqualification.
24. **Progress Market Heifer and Steer Show** has a minimum weight is 976 lbs. and no maximum weight.
- a. Funds will be paid out according to availability.
 - b. There will only be a Grand and Reserve Progress Market Champion. **No top 5 in the Progress Market show.**
 - c. Progress Market animals will be shown by weight in crossbred classes.
 - d. Progress Market Heifers and Steers will show together.
 - e. A Slick Steer class will be add to the Progress show
 - i. Slick steers will show with haired steers and Mkt heifers for Grand and Reserve honors.
 - ii. **Hair:** To ensure fairness and uniformity, it is imperative that steers are properly groomed before being brought to the Fairgrounds. Steers must be shorn, leaving no more than ¼ inch of hair on any part of their body, except for the tail switch. The tail switch should not extend beyond 12 inches above the tail's cartilage.
 - iii. Hair may be left on the tailhead (Beef Futurity ONLY rule)
 - iv. Hair may be left below the knee and/or hock (Beef Futurity ONLY rule)
 - v. Failure to comply with the ¼ inch hair length requirement across the entire body may lead to disqualification, as determined by the Superintendent(s) during the weigh-in session. Steers that have not been shorn will automatically be disqualified from participating in the show. Please note that the decision of the Superintendent(s) is final.
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