



2024 Michigan Winter Classic

December 6-8, 2024

MSU Livestock Pavilion

Entry Deadline: Saturday, November 16, 2024 (Late entries will be accepted)

Email: miwinterclassicinfo@gmail.com

Website: www.michiganjrlivestocksociety.com

Entry links are available on our website and FB.

Announcements

- Continuing this year, we will be having two separate shows for both steers and heifers. One show in ring A and one show in ring B.
- You must show in Ring A to be able to show in Ring B
- The Bred and Owned steers will be selected in their individual classes (ring A), a top five bred and owned breed selection will take place on Friday night followed with an overall selection on Saturday. The Howard King Memorial show will now be the top 5 bred and owned steer show and will be selected prior to champion overall drive on Saturday.
- The Bred and Owned heifers will be selected in their individual classes (ring A), a top five bred and owned will take place prior to Champion drive on Sunday.
- There will be a Heifer and Steer showmanship this year out of ring A and will be invitational only
- Online Entry ONLY - \$60/head for Ring A or \$100 for both rings until November 16. \$100/head per ring from Nov 17-Check-in. Cattle entered after Nov 16 will NOT be stalled
- There will be a top five breed selection that will come back and compete for overall champion and reserve.
- Breed steers show on FRIDAY, Crossbred steers on SATURDAY
- Pavilion Rule- There will be NO parking on the East side of the pavilion, violators will be ticketed
- There is NO changing of entries, other than from breed to crossbred/commercial
- For non-cattle exhibitors you must pre enter by 11/16 to be included in the educational quiz.

Steer Judges

TBD

TBD

Heifer Judges

TBD

TBD

Showmanship: TBD

Winter Classic Chairs:

Erika Williams- 517.652.3064

Gerald Green - 517.819.7978

Callie Halsey - 517.902.2183

Dave Wishowski – 989.513.4586

2024 Rules & Regulations

Please read carefully before contacting us with questions. Thank you!

- 1. Eligibility of Exhibitors and Entries:** Open to Michigan residents that are between the ages of 8 and 21 as of January 1, 2025. All cattle are to be **solely owned and exhibited** by the exhibitor making the entry. Submitting an online entry indicates that the rules and information provided in this packet have been read and that the exhibitor and parent/guardian will abide by the rules and understands the consequences. Furthermore, all exhibitors and parents signing this form agree to be subject to the MJLS By Laws. By Laws can be found on our website at <http://michiganjrlivestocksociety.com>. Those in attendance will follow all current campus, local, state and federal health guidelines that are in effect due to COVID-19. Those who do not comply with these guidelines may forfeit their right to exhibit and may be asked to leave the facility.
- 2. Entries and Entry Fees:** There is a **\$60.00** entry fee for each animal entered for Ring A or **\$100** for both rings on or before November 16, 2024. **Entries will only be accepted online (with payment). The registration link is available on our website. We will be offering late entries from November 17-Check-in at \$100.00 per head per show.**
- 3. Arrival:** Tack and cattle may begin arriving after 12:00 pm on Thursday, December 5. Anyone arriving before 12 pm will not be allowed entry into the Pavilion and may forfeit their right to exhibit if they do so. Steers must be in place by 6:30 pm on Friday. Livestock trailers may be parked in the north trailer lot. All other vehicles should park in the north spectator lot to avoid congestion. No parking is allowed on grass/dirt areas around the Pavilion or on the east side of the pavilion. All trailers must park in paved parking lots. MSU Pavilion address: 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing, MI 48910
- 4. Registration Papers:** Double check tattoos at home. Tattoo information provided on official breed association registration paper **MUST** match the tattoo in the animal's ear. **Animals will not be allowed to enter the check-in chute a second time. If possible, please submit your papers with your online entry.**
- 5. Check-In:** Check-in will be available from 4-7 pm on Thursday, December 5, 2024 and will reopen from 8:30 am-10 am and 4:00-6:30 pm on Friday, December 6, 2023. Exhibitor packets will be distributed from a designated area and must be obtained **before** checking/weighing in cattle. All steers and heifers that arrive on Thursday or Friday must check in by Friday. Check-in for exhibitors arriving on Saturday with breeding heifers will be from 9-10 am. All females must be checked in by 10 am, Saturday December 7.
- 6. Awards:** Awards will be given to breed and crossbred divisions, top 5 breed steers, top 5 overall and top 5 bred and owned. The top 5 market animals will be selected from the top five breed steers as well as the top five crossbred steers and the market heifer division champion and reserve. The top 5 heifers will be selected from the Champion and Reserve Champion in breed divisions and commercial division.
- 7. Youth Educational Contest Award:** Competition divided into four age groups. Prizes will be awarded in each age group. Michigan youth not showing cattle may enter by paying a \$60 entry fee. The 2024 topic is "Beef Cattle and the Economy". Submissions must be emailed to Kimberly.roestel@gmail.com by 11/24/24.
- 8. Showmanship: Showmanship will be on an invitational basis only from Ring A. There will be showmanship for both steers and heifers.** Showmanship classes will be divided by age determined as of January 1, 2025: **Beginner 8-11, Junior 12-14, Intermediate 15-17, and Senior 18-21**. Exhibitors must show their own animal. Showmanship is FIT/NO FIT: Showman's choice. Top 10 in each division will be selected followed by the selection of Top 5 Overall Showman (Top 3 from each division will

compete).

9. **Grooming Regulations:** Forced administration of fluids to create gut fill is prohibited. Violation will result in the disqualification of the entry and exhibitor. No aerosol cans in the arena, make-up area or surrounding areas. Show staff and MJLS Board Members must be allowed access to fitting tents, trailers and trailer areas at any time.
10. **Stalling of Animals:** Stalls will be assigned. All cattle will be housed in the Pavilion, South Barn, or in tie-outs. Cattle are **not** permitted to stall next to trailers. **All heifers that arrive on Thursday or Friday must be stalled in tie-outs until after the steer show on Friday.** Stalling on Thursday and Friday will be assigned based on the greater number of steers/heifers entered. Exhibitors do not need to clean their stalls.
Stalling Requests: Stalling requests must be made when making your online entry. Please utilize the entry questions section and have a group name associated with your request, there is a \$5 per family fee associated with the stalling requests. There are no guarantees regarding stalling requests. The committee volunteers will do their best to accommodate requests but make no guarantee! Stalling assignments will be made based on a standard of 3ft of stall space per animal.
Outdoor tie-outs: The stalling committee requests that heifers arriving on Thursday or Friday be stalled in tie-outs after check-in and through the conclusion of the Friday steer show. The stalling committee reserves the right to enforce this due to space limitations. Exhibitors do not need to clean tie-outs.
11. **Animals must be under control of the exhibitor at all times.** Removal of an animal deemed dangerous will be at the discretion of the committee. **If an animal gets loose twice in the show ring and/or makeup area, the exhibitor and animal will be excused from the ring.** For young show persons who need assistance in the ring during their breed or weight class: **ONLY** another (older) registered exhibitor is allowed to enter the ring as an assistant. The assistant must wear their own exhibitor number while in the ring. The owner of the animal must remain in primary control of the animal and the show stick (walk/stand closest to the animal). The assistant should provide support only if the animal is unruly. Assistance should be pre-approved by one of the show chairpersons.
12. **Fitting Areas:** Tent space will be provided first come first serve via the online payment link on our FB page and website. Cost is \$250/each. Tents larger than 20'x40' will not be allowed. You must provide your own tent, and no tents may be set up prior to 12:00 noon on Thursday, Dec 5, 2024. **These tents are for fitting animals only!** Absolutely no stalling of animals is allowed in this area. Trucks/trailers and other vehicles will not be allowed to park in this area. All trash/manure and debris is the responsibility of the exhibitors and must be removed from this area and discarded in an appropriate manner. All clean up must be completed 2 hours after the conclusion of the show on Sunday, Dec 8, 2024. Tents may also be removed Monday, December 9, 2024 by 5:00 pm. Funds collected from the sale of these tent spaces will be used to provide additional MJLS scholarships. Committee reserves the right to limit the number of tents. **A \$300 deposit will also be required at time of purchase.** Deposit will be returned via mail if area is properly maintained. A signed release will be needed by a beef committee chair after cleanup. All animals and exhibitors that utilize these spaces fall under the rules and jurisdiction of the MJLS Society and Winter Classic.
13. **Pavilion Rules:**
 - Butt fans will not be allowed behind the cattle or in the aisles unless suspended overhead. A maximum of one fan per three head of cattle allowed.
 - Generators may be used – but must be located a minimum of 20 feet from all buildings/structures.
 - Dogs are **not** permitted in the stalling or show area at any time during this event. Service dogs are welcome.

- **Alcoholic Beverages are Prohibited-** In accordance with University policy and given this is a youth event; consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited and will not be tolerated. MSU Police will be notified if consumption is observed by or reported to show management.
- No loud music is allowed in the Pavilion.
- **The Pavilion and all University property is a non-smoking/tobacco free area. Please respect this.**
- **Parking is NOT allowed on grass/dirt areas around the Pavilion or on the East Side of the Pavilion. All trailers must park in paved parking lots.**
- **Tents in parking areas are prohibited.**

14. Responsibility: The Michigan Junior Livestock Society and Michigan State University are not responsible for any losses by theft, sickness, death, injury, crippling, bruises or condemnation.

15. There is a minimum number of 5 head per breed for the steer and heifer shows. There is a three year probation for all breeds to ensure that there is at least 5 head shown. If for three years there are less than 5 head shown each year, the breed will be discontinued and those animals will show in the AORB (all other registered breeds) division. The numbers will continually be reviewed and when the breed reaches 5 or more head for three consecutive years, it will then become a separate breed division the following year. However, if sponsorship is provided for a particular breed with less than five head, that breed will continue to show as a separate breed.

16. Photography Release: All pictures or videos captured by official MJLS photographers may be used by MJLS for promotional or other consideration. Signing the entry form constitutes a full release to MJLS of official pictures or videos of you or your animal's likeness. **The photo backdrop will be for the exclusive use of the official WBC photographer.**

17. Complaint Procedure:

Complaints must be submitted in writing and must be accompanied with a \$100 cash deposit. The \$100 deposit will be kept and deposited into the MJLS Scholarship account, regardless of the outcome of the complaint. All complaints must be filed no later than 2 hours of conclusion of the show. All witnesses should be listed and signatures for each should be included with the complaint. Substantiated complaints may result in withdrawal of premium, ejection from current and/or future Winter Classics and other MJLS events. Complaints that involve illegal activity will be turned over to the appropriate legal authority. The MJLS Winter Classic chairs and the MJLS Executive Committee will make final determination on complaints. MJLS also reserves the right to review any potential rules violation without the \$100 complaint filing.

18. Code of Conduct:

The MJLS Board of Directors and Committee Members are committed to providing a safe and respectful show environment and experience that respects the rights of each and every attendee. All exhibitors, parents and other spectators are expected to exhibit outstanding sportsmanship as well as abide by the standards of the Code of Conduct.

The MJLS Code of Conduct requires attendees to refrain from the following:

- Behavior that is unruly, disruptive, or illegal in nature.
- Intoxication or other signs of alcohol or substance impairment resulting in poor behavior.
- Foul, obscene, threatening, offensive or abusive language, gestures or actions.
- Interfering with the progress of the show.
- Failing to follow the instructions of the show personnel.
- Fighting or physical violence of any type.
- Conduct that endangers any other person.
- Knowingly providing false or inaccurate exhibitor or animal information.

Violators of this code of conduct, as well as their immediate family members, are subject to disciplinary action including but not limited to cancellations of all premiums as well as suspension from current and future MJLS events, at the discretion of the MJLS Board of Directors.

19. The MJLS Board of Directors reserves to its Show Committee the final and absolute right to interpret these Rules and Regulations and settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard to, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Winter Classic.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

- All cattle must be dehorned if horn length is greater than two inches.
- Cattle infected with a communicable disease may not be brought to the show. To meet the health standards required to show, animals need to be free of illness including but not limited to:
- Clinical signs of respiratory disease (watery eyes, nasal discharge, elevated temperature, excessive slobbering)
- Active ringworm and/or warts
- Identifiable external parasites
- Evidence of surgical, conformation or any other unethical alterations will result in the animal and exhibitor being disqualified from competition.
- Castration procedure must be completely healed showing no sign of swelling, discharge or decay.
- Animals not meeting these standards are to be removed from the Pavilion immediately upon notification to the exhibitor and/or parents to retain his/her ability to exhibit in future MJLS shows.
- **All cattle participating in the 2024 Michigan Winter Classic must be tagged with official electronic identification (RFID) tag approved by the Michigan Department of Agriculture. TB Requirements:** Please refer to the 2024 Health Requirements for Native Michigan Livestock Exhibited in Michigan at [Michigan Bovine TB Requirements Brochure for web page](#).

Winter Classic Team U-FIT Contest

Friday, December 6 at 11:00 am

- This contest offers youth an opportunity to showcase their abilities to fit an animal for show.
- There will be two divisions: Junior (15 and under) and Senior (16-21). Teams will be made up of 4 registered exhibitors and age division will be determined by the oldest member of the team.
- Cattle will be clean and dry with no adhesives, oil or other foreign substances when they enter the ring.
- Chutes will be used and provided by the participants.
- Electricity may be used. Must be provided by the participants. A generator space will be provided.
- Thirty minutes will be allowed to fit and groom the animal, followed by a display of the animals.

Howard King Memorial Bred & Owned Steer and Market Heifer Class Sponsored by: Doris King and Howard King Memorial Fund

The bred and owned winners from Friday will compete for a top five bred and owned breed steer. They will come back on Saturday and compete for overall top five bred and owned steers prior to the selection of the Champion drive. The animal has to have been bred and raised by the youth exhibitor or by a member of their immediate family (parents/guardian and siblings living at the same home). Please make sure you designate on your entry form which market animals are bred and owned. The Champion will receive a traveling trophy.

Prospect Market Animals

Prospect market animals will be shown by breed then weight.

Registration requirements: All steers entered in a specific breed must be registered solely in the name of

the youth exhibitor with their respective national breed association. Registration certificates or appropriate performance pedigrees must be presented at check-in time. All breed steers must be tattooed and tattoos must correspond to registration papers. All steers entered in a breed division will abide by the guidelines for registry by the respective national breed association. Steers that are not registered will be shown in the Crossbred division. Crossbred Steers and Market Heifers will be shown by weight. Market heifers may also be shown in breeding classes by paying a separate entry fee.

Weight requirement: Prospect animals must weigh a minimum of 400 lbs. and a maximum of 1000 lbs.

****Registered miniature breeds of market animals can weigh 350 lb.**** All market animals weighing under 400 or over 1000 lbs, regardless of breed, will be allowed to show in a 400 lb.- or 1000 lb + class but will NOT be eligible for a division or championship drive. This class will be held at the conclusion of the cross bred steer show, prior to the selection of overall top 5 market animals.

Breeding Heifers

Heifers will be shown by breed, then youngest to oldest. Commercial heifers will be shown by weight.

Eligibility: Heifers born from **September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024** are eligible to show.

Registration requirements: All heifers entered in a specific breed **must be registered solely in the name of the youth exhibitor with their respective national breed association.** Registration certificates must be presented at check-in time. All breeding heifers must be tattooed and tattoos must correspond to registration papers. All heifers will abide by the guidelines for registry as established by the respective national breed association. Registered, low percentage heifers that are dual registered can show with only one breed and must be entered as such.

Commercial Heifers: Breeding heifers that are not registered will be shown by weight in the Commercial division.

BREED REQUIREMENTS:

Angus Heifer & Steer: Purebred Angus registration papers

Charolais: Purebred papers

Char Composite Heifer & Steer: Charolais registration papers & color requirements

Chi Heifer & Steer: All registration papers issued by the ACA

Hereford Heifer & Steer: Purebred Hereford Registration Papers

Maine Heifer & Steer: Maine registration papers (Brown)

Mainetainer Heifer & Steer: 25%-75% All registration papers issued by the Maine Association (Green)

Shorthorn Heifer & Steer: 15/16 – Shorthorn registration papers

Shorthorn Plus Steer: Minimum 25% - Shorthorn Plus registration papers

Shorthorn Plus Heifer: Minimum 50% - Shorthorn Plus registration papers

Purebred Simmental Heifer & Steer: 7/8 or greater Simmental registration papers

Percentage Simmental Heifer & Steer: Minimum 50% but no greater than 7/8 Simmental registration papers

AOB- Any animal that does not meet the above requirements but possesses a valid breed registration paper.

Bred & Owned Market Animal & Heifer Show

Any steer or heifer that is Bred and Owned by the exhibitor or a direct family member living in the same house may participate in this show. Both breed and cross bred steers and heifers are eligible. The show will run simultaneously with the regular show. After each breed champion selection and overall champion selections, a bred and owned will be selected if the champion or reserve do not qualify. Registration papers will be reviewed at check-in. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure that the class listing has the correct information regarding the bred and owned status. The bred and owned show will only be conducted in ring A.

No extra entry fee is necessary, just check the box on the entry form if your steer or heifer is B&O.

Hotels/Accommodations

Hampton Inn East Lansing: 517-324-2072

<https://tinyurl.com/MichiganwinterClassic>

Class Premiums based on entries

Top 5 Market Animals: Champ- \$1,000, Res- \$800, 3rd- \$600, 4th- \$400, 5th- \$200

Top 5 Owned Heifers: Champ- \$1,000, Res- \$800, 3rd- \$600, 4th- \$400, 5th- \$200

Top 5 B&O Market Animal & Breeding Heifer: Champ- \$500, Res- \$400, 3rd- \$300, 4th- \$200, 5th- \$100

(Ring A Only)

Top 5 Showman: Champ- \$250, Res- \$200, 3rd- \$150, 4th- \$100, 5th- \$50

Michigan Junior Livestock Society 2024 Educational Contests

The educational contests include video, quiz, graphic design and photography. All contests need to be entered online by 11/16/2024. The 2024 topic is "Beef Cattle and the Economy". Submissions must be emailed to Kimberly.roestel@gmail.com by 11/24/24. Participants will be divided into four age categories with age determined as of January 1, 2025. The age categories are senior 18-21, intermediate 15-17, junior 12-14, and beginner 8-11. An individual may compete in as many categories as he or she would like. Michigan youth not showing cattle may enter (\$60 entry fee).

Quiz - Contestants will be tested on their general knowledge of beef cattle and ability to identify items related to their beef cattle project which may include: nutrition, management, health, reproduction, genetics, fitting and showing, selection, meat products, breeds, feeds, body parts, breed traits, equipment and others that pertain to beef production and promotion. It is suggested that contestants refer to the following for information to prepare for the event:

Michigan Extension Bulletin 4-H 1188: Your Market Beef Project

North Central Region Extension Beef Skills for Life Material: Available in your county Extension office

Retail and wholesale cuts of beef charts

Feed tags from your local grain elevator

2024 MJLS Winter Classic Complete Schedule

Thursday, December 5

12:00 pm – Cattle and Tack may arrive

4:00-7:00 pm – Check In

Friday, December 6

8:30 – 10:00 am - Check In

11:00 am - U-Fit Contest (Sign up in the show office Thursday-Friday @ 10:00am)

12:00 pm - Pee-Wee Showmanship

1:00 pm - Breed Steer Show

Ring A (South Ring) - Judge: TBD

Angus, AORB, Charolais, Char Composite, Chi, Hereford, Maine, MaineTainer, Shorthorn, Shorthorn Plus, Simmental, Percentage Simmental

Overall Top 5 Breed Steer Selection

1:15 pm - Breed Steer Show

Ring B (North Ring) - Judge: TBD

Angus, AORB, Charolais, Char Composite, Chi, Hereford, Maine, MaineTainer, Shorthorn, Shorthorn Plus, Simmental, Percentage Simmental

Top Five Howard and Doris King Memorial Bred and Owned Breed Steer Selection Ring A ONLY

****Top 5 B/O Breed Steers from Friday will show again on Saturday for the selection of the**

Overall B/O Market Animal

Overall Top 5 Breed Steer Selection (Both Rings)

****Top 5 Breed Steers from Friday will show again on Saturday for the selection of the Top 5 Overall Market Animals****

4:00 – 6:30 pm - Check In

6:30 – 8:00 pm - Educational Quiz - Classroom area

Saturday, December 7

8:00 am Ring A Crossbred Steer & Market Heifer Show Ring A (North Ring) Judge: TBD

8:15 am Ring B (South Ring) - Judge: TBD

Top Five Howard and Doris King Memorial Bred and Owned Crossbred Market Animal Selection Ring A ONLY

Top Five Market Animal Selection (Both Rings)

9:00 - 10:00 am - Heifer Check In (for those arriving on Saturday only)

10:00 - 11:00 am - Educational Quiz - Classroom area

2:30 pm or 30 minutes following the completion of the Top 5 Market Animal Selection - Showmanship

Ring A ONLY Market Showmanship callbacks will be judged together for the selection of Division Champions - Judges: TBD

Beginner Division, Junior Division, Intermediate Division, Senior Division (Top 10 in each division)

Selection of Overall & Reserve Overall Showman (Top two in each division compete)

Sunday, December 8

8:00 am - Heifer Show

Ring A (South Ring) - Judge: TBD

Angus, AORB, Charolais, Char Composite, Chi, Hereford, Maine, MaineTainer, Shorthorn, Shorthorn Plus, Simmental, Percentage Simmental, Commercial

8:15 am

Ring B (North Ring) - Judge: TBD

Angus, AORB, Charolais, Char Composite, Chi, Hereford, Maine, MaineTainer, Shorthorn, Shorthorn Plus, Simmental, Percentage Simmental, Commercial

Top Five Bred and Owned Heifer Selection **RING A ONLY Top Five Overall Heifer Selection (Both Rings)**

1:00 pm or 30 minutes following the completion of the Top 5 Breeding Animal Selection – Showmanship
Ring A ONLY Breeding Heifer Showmanship callbacks will be judged together for the selection of Division Champions - Judges: TBD
Beginner Division, Junior Division, Intermediate Division, Senior Division (Top 10 in each division)
Selection of Overall & Reserve Overall Showman (Top two in each division compete)

Notes and Reminders

Campers—This includes any trailer that is plugged into the outlets around the facility. Registration and pre-pay is required, please check this information out on the online entry form. You must have your permit visible during the event!

REMINDER: There are no refunds, no exceptions!

MJLS Scholarship

The Michigan Junior Livestock Society is offering scholarship opportunities to college students with a minimum of three years' experience exhibiting livestock. MJLS is awarding a minimum of four \$500 scholarships to beef applicants and two \$500 to sheep applicants at the 2024 Michigan Winter Classic. Applications can be found on our website or by contacting the scholarship chairpersons: Christine Heverly chsisung@yahoo.com. Applications must be emailed by November 20th.

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