

Georgia Young Farmer Association Cattle Show Schedule

Thursday, August 13, 2026
Barns Open 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Friday, August 14, 2026
Barns Open 8:00 am
Cattle Check-In 10:00 am – 12:00
Cattle Showmanship 2:00 pm
Showmanship will begin with 12th grade



Saturday, August 15, 2026
Heifer Show 8:00 am
Market Show 15 Minutes After Heifer Show

Cattle Judge: Jary Douglas
From: Oklahoma

No Refunds Available for Entries

Georgia Young Farmers Association Cattle Show Rules and Regulations

Georgia National Fairgrounds

Perry, GA

August 14 & 15, 2026

1. Open to **Georgia FFA** and 4-H members in the **4th - 12th grade**. You may enter as many animals as you wish.
2. **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. Any violators will be reported to the appropriate state and federal authorities.
3. An original registration certificate in the exhibitor’s name (no farm name accepted) is required on all registered heifers. Heifers and steers are required to be individually marked (tattoo, ear tag or brand). GA Tags are not required for the show.
4. **Heifer Information:** Registered purebred heifers will be shown by their age. The age ranges will be as follows: September of 2024 to December of 2024, January of 2025 to April of 2025, May of 2025 to August of 2025, September of 2025 to December of 2025, and January of 2026 to April of 2026. Seven registered purebred cattle must be checked in constitute a breed being recognized. Commercial heifers will be weighed but should conform to the age listed above. Market Heifers will be shown by weight and will compete in their own division. The winner of the market heifer division will compete with the steers for the title of grand champion market animal. There will be no declaring of weights for commercial heifers or market heifers and no weigh backs.
5. **Market Animal Information:** Market animals will be shown by breed and weight. The breed of each animal must be entered on entry form. Three classifiers will independently determine if a steer is entered correctly, if not, they will recommend an appropriate breed or the steer will be automatically moved to the crossbred class. A minimum of 7 classified market animals will be required to recognize a breed. Breeds with 10 head or more will be shown in at least two classes. Every effort will be made to have as small a weight spread as possible in each class. Breeds with less than seven head will be shown in All Other Breeds (AOB). **A slick steer division will be recognized this year. The rules for the slick steer division will match the Georgia Junior Beef Futurity rules. The slick steers will show against the haired steers and market heifers for the top 5 honors.**
6. An official health certificate as required by Georgia Department of Ag regulations must accompany steers and heifers.
7. Cattle will be tied on shavings; no straw allowed in barn.
8. No Generators will be allowed inside of the barn.
9. All animals must be shown in their natural conformation, color and structure without alteration by modification except for the grooming and treatment of the hair and trimming of the hooves. False tailheads and false switches will not be permitted. No graphite, hair, cotton twine, etc. may be used. The use of black paint is allowed but should not be applied where it interferes with the fitting of breeds that are not black. Paint cannot be gotten on concrete floors or walls or where it is blown by fans.
10. Fees: Entry fees will be \$45.00 per calf and \$10 per student to enter showmanship. The **entry deadline is August 3, 2026**. Late entries will be accepted from August 4th to August 10th at twice the original cost. **NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE PORTAL CLOSES AT MIDNIGHT ON AUGUST 10, 2026. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN.**
11. 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.
12. 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 exhibitor it will be up to the ring help and the judge if and when the exhibitor needs to leave the show arena.**
13. All scooters, bikes, segways, hoverboards, skateboards, and rollerblades are not allowed to be utilized inside the barn, at tie outs or around the cattle. This rule is in place to protect the exhibitors and spectators.