



EXHIBITOR HANDBOOK

DECEMBER 5-7, 2025
NORTH DAKOTA WINTER SHOW EVENT CENTER
VALLEY CITY, ND

Livestock Exhibitors,

It's time for the 26th Annual North Star Classic! The North Star Classic is an agriculture-oriented show that focuses primarily on the livestock sector of production agriculture. The North Star Classic began in 2000, and has now become the largest cattle show in ND. This event allows cattlemen to not only display their livestock and compete in both individual and pen shows- but it also allows the exchange of ideas, trends, and sales of several breeds. Junior shows allow the youth to be involved in the cattle industry to hone their skills of livestock showing, judging, and fitting. We invite you to join us for this incredible event!

DATES: December 5-7, 2025

LOCATION: North Dakota Winter Show Building: Valley City, ND

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SHOW MANAGEMENT: Kelcey Hoffmann: 701-535-0165
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THIS THREE DAY EVENT PROVIDES A FULL SCHEDULE FOR BOTH YOUTH AND ADULTS:

- Open Livestock Show
- Livestock Honoree Recognition
- Supreme Bull & Female Selection
- Livestock Honoree Social
- Cattleman's Ball Supper & Sale
- Judging Contest
- Fairest of Them All Show
- Pen Shows
- Junior Livestock Showmanship
- Junior Heifer Show
- Junior Prospect Steer & Heifer Showdown



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

Earliest Arrival of Cattle-----12:00pm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

Entry & Stalling Deadline for Open Show-----5:00pm

Hurley & Associates Meal(Cafe)-----5:00pm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

Ranch Channel Breakfast(Cafe)-----7:00am

Open Show(Main Arena)-----8:00am

Entry & Weight Deadline for Pen Show-----2:00pm

Livestock Honoree Recognition(Main Arena)-----3:00pm

Supreme Individuals Selection (Main Arena)-----3:00pm

Entry & Declare Your Weight Deadline for Fairest of Them All-----4:00pm

Cattlemen's Ball Supper & Sale (South Exhibit Building)-----

-----Social-6:30pm, Supper-7:00pm, Sale-7:30pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

Pen Shows(South of Arena)-----9:00am

Fairest of Them All Jackpot Show(Main Arena)-----9:00am

Entry & Declare Your Weight Deadline for Junior Show-----2:00pm

Entry Deadline for Junior Showmanship-----2:00pm

Judging Contest(Main Arena)-----2:00pm

NSC Junior Supper(Cafe)-----5:00pm

Showmanship(Main Arena)-----5:30pm

- PeeWee, Junior, Intermediate, & Senior

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

Hubbard Feeds/Showrite Junior Show(Main Arena)-----9:00am

AgCountry Junior Prospect Steer & Heifer Showdown(Main Arena)

-----1/2 hour after completion of Junior Show



SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SHOW INFORMATION

ENTRIES: WHERE & WHEN

Go to <https://showman.app> and search North Star Classic or follow the link on the North Star Classic Facebook page. All entries will be accepted online this year. Entries will open on November 1st and late fees will be applied to start November 15th. Late entries will be accepted but NSC Staff have the right to turn off Late Entries at any time due to space constraints. Cattle must be stalled by the respective entry deadlines.

ARRIVAL & CHECK-IN:

Livestock will not be permitted to unload from trucks/trailers, nor will any stalls be assigned before 12 pm, Wednesday, December 3rd. All exhibitors must check-in at the Livestock Office, located on the west end of the building, as soon as possible upon arrival. A copy of health certificates will be checked at that time. **NO DOGS ALLOWED IN THE BARN.**

STALLING & TIE-OUTS:

All cattle entered in the North Star Classic will be assigned a stall in the NDWS Event Center. Authority is given to the NSC management to stall cattle as they see fit. Bedding will be wood shavings. If desired, exhibitors may stall cattle in their trailers, but will be expected to clean up around their trailer; and they need to have their cattle in the barn between the hours of 8:30 am and 5:00 pm. All entries must stay on NDWS grounds once checked in, removal of livestock will result in disqualification. Failure of anyone to abide by the rules and regulations will result in penalization. Tie outs are bedded with straw; exhibitors may pick their own tie outs.

EXHIBITOR LIABILITY & ETHICS:

Exhibitors are required to carry their own liability insurance. Upon entering the NSC sales and shows, the exhibitor agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the North Dakota Winter Show Holding Company, the North Dakota Winter Show, its directors, officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, demands, suits, actions, losses, costs or expenses, including attorney's fees arising in whole or in part out of the negligent acts, errors or omissions of you, your agents or invitees. All livestock exhibited in this show will be entirely at the owner's risk. Presentation of entry shall be deemed acceptance of these rules and the IAFE Code of Ethics.

SHOW INFORMATION

FITTING RULES & CLIPPING CHUTE:

Breed association rules apply for the open show; see your breed secretary for rules. The junior shows are all fit shows. No tents are allowed to be setup in the barn. Clipping chutes may be placed in stall or in the designated area by office staff. Chutes in the aisle must be removed immediately upon completion of the respective shows and sales.

CALL TO RING & RELEASE TIME:

Each individual will be called once to the ring for their show. If they are not in the ring after one call, they will be disqualified. We will be taking a 5 minute break at the completion of each breed. Animals will be released after their respective shows or sales.

TATTOO CHECKING & REGISTRATIONS:

NDWS reserves the right to do random tattoo checking at the stalls at ANY time. All entries must be registered, except crossbred prospect calves and commercial heifers. Animals must be registered with their respective breed in order to show in the breed show. Failure to provide proof of registration will result in showing as a commercial. Grand Commercial Heifers will be eligible to run for the Supreme or Grand Champion Heifer.

BRAND INSPECTIONS:

No person shall remove cattle from the state, or within a mile of any boundary of the state, unless the cattle have been inspected for marks and brands by an official brand inspector of the ND Stockmen's Association. A certificate of inspection, to accompany livestock to its destination, will be provided by a State Brand Inspector at the NDWS Event Center. All cattle are subject to mouthing to verify the animal age.

LODGING INFORMATION:

AmericInn by Wyndham, Exit 292 I-94----- (877-845-0007) or 701-845-5551
GrandStay, Exit 292, I-94-----701-490-3500
EconcoLodge Exit 292, I-94----- (800-319-5333) or 701-845-5333

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

The North Dakota Winter Show requires that all cattle meet health requirements before being permitted in the show building. All animals are subject to inspection by the show veterinarian upon arrival at the NDWS. These regulations have been verified as of October 13, 2025 .

Please contact the state vet at 701-328-2655 for further information and most up-to-date regulations. All cattle must be free of contagious disease and parasites, including ringworm, warts, mange, lice and pinkeye.

Sale & show cattle from North Dakota:

1. Health certificates, or Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVIs), are not required for show cattle if they originate in ND and return to the premises of origin. All sale cattle leaving ND need a new health certificate to leave the state; this will be provided by the veterinarian at the sale.
2. North Dakota cattle being sold to parties outside of North Dakota must meet the import requirements of the state of destination.

Sale & Show cattle from outside North Dakota:

1. Certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) & official individual identification listed on the CVI is required on all cattle. All CVIs will need to be shown to the secretary at check-in.
2. Importation Permits are required for paper health certificates, issued by the State Board of Animal Health to the veterinarian who signs the health certificate. Importation permits are NOT required for electronic CVIs. For more information, contact the State Board of Animal Health, at 701-328-2655 or visit the website Beef Cattle | North Dakota Department of Agriculture (nd.gov).
3. Brucellosis: All females over 12 months of age must be official calfhood vaccinates (OCV) for Brucellosis if originating from CT, DE, HI, ME, MD, NV, UT, WA, or Canada.
4. Tuberculosis: For beef cattle originating from MI or Canada, please contact the State Board of Animal Health, at 701-328-2655, or visit the website Beef Cattle | North Dakota Department of Agriculture (nd.gov), for current TB testing requirements. For beef cattle from all other states, no testing is required. All rodeo breed cattle require a negative TB test within 12 months prior to importation. Rodeo bulls 18 months of age or older must also have a negative Brucellosis test within 12 months prior to import.
5. Trichomoniasis: Non-virgin bulls and all bulls over 24 months of age must test negative for trich within 30 days prior to importation. Virgin bulls less than 24 months of age do not need to be tested. A statement is needed on the CVI stating they have had no potential breeding contact. Non-virgin and non-pregnant female cattle may not be imported for breeding purposes into ND. Bulls and females entering the state for temporary exhibition may be exempt from this requirement (call the office for more information).
6. For all cattle being imported from Canada, additional testing and identification requirements are required. Please contact the Animal Health Division at 701-328-2655 for details.

STATE BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH

ND Department of Agriculture

600 E. Blvd. Dept. 602

Bismarck, ND 58505-0020

(701)328-2655 or 1-800-242-7535

FAX (701) 328-4567

www.nd.gov/ndda/programs

OPEN SHOW INFORMATION

ENTRY INFORMATION: Early Entry: Nov. 1st-Nov. 15th \$45/entry.
Late Entry: Nov. 16th-Dec.4th \$75/entry.
Bedding Fee: \$20/per animal for entire weekend.

BREEDS: Registered animal will be moved to All Other Breeds, if a minimum of 5 head per breed is not met. Animal is only allowed to be shown once per day.

- American Aberdeen
- Gelbvieh
- Shorthorn
- Angus
- Hereford
- Shorthorn Plus
- Charolais
- Mini Hereford
- Simmental
- Charolais Composite
- Limousin
- Sim-Influenced
- Chi/Chi-Influenced
- Maine/Mainetainer
- South Devon
- Commercial
- Red Angus
- All Other Breeds

BREEDING HEIFER CLASSES:

- Summer Calf: After May 1, 2025
- April Calf: April 1-30, 2025
- March Calf: March 1-31, 2025
- February Calf: February 1-28, 2025
- January Calf: January 1-31, 2025
- Late Winter Calf: November 1-December 31, 2024
- Early Winter Calf: September 1- October 31, 2024
- Late Summer Yearling: July 1- August 31, 2024
- Early Summer Yearling: May 1-June 30, 2024
- Spring Yearling: March 1-April 30, 2024
- Late Senior Yearling: January 1- February 28, 2024
- Early Senior Yearling: September 1- December 31, 2023
- Cow Calf Pair

BULL CLASSES:

- Junior Calf: After January 1, 2025
- Late Winter Calf: November 1-December 31, 2024
- Early Winter Calf: September 1- October 31, 2024
- Late Summer Yearling: July 1- August 31, 2024
- Early Summer Yearling: May 1-June 30, 2024
- Spring Yearling: March 1-April 30, 2024
- Late Senior Yearling: January 1- February 28, 2024
- Two-Year Old: January 1- December 31, 2023

SHOW: Breeds will run in ring order with 5 minute break between each class. Both Heifer & Bull Champions in each breed will compete for Supreme Individual.



FAIREST OF THEM ALL SHOW INFORMATION

ENTRY INFORMATION:

Early Entry: Nov. 1st-Nov. 15th \$20/entry.

Late Entry: Nov. 16th-Dec.5th \$35/entry.

Bedding Fee: \$20/per animal for entire weekend.

SHOW INFORMATION:

Exhibitor needs to be a junior(Each exhibitor is allowed to exhibit one heifer & one steer in the show. Heifers will be shown by birthdate, not by breed. Steers will be exhibited by weight, with exhibitor declaring their weight at check-in. 10% will be given either way to weigh back & top 3 in each steer class will be weighed back. Each class will have a max of 10 entries before class break will be applied. Top 5 will be selected in both Breeding & Market.

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

ENTRY INFORMATION:

Early Entry: Nov 1st-Nov. 15th. Late Entry: Nov. 16th-Dec.6th

SHOW INFORMATION:

Showmanship will be held Saturday at 6:00pm. This is No-Fit Show. 4 Divisions: PeeWee(under 8), Junior(8-12), Intermediate(13-16), and Senior(17-21) as of December 4th. Top 2 in each division will be selected for awards. Both rings will be ran at the same time(one age division per ring).



JUDGING CONTEST INFORMATION

ENTRY INFORMATION:

Divisions: Junior and Senior (All youth organizations combined 4-H/FFA)

Junior: 7-12, Senior: 13-18

Fee: \$25/Individual, \$75/Team

Teams: Run 4, count highest 3 scores towards team score. Additional individuals are allowed.

Multiple Cattle Classes will be offered with set of questions to be asked.

Award ceremony to follow.

Ag Casual Dress of Judging Contestants.

PEN SHOW INFORMATION

ENTRY INFORMATION:

Early Entry: Nov. 1st-Nov. 15th \$100/per pen.

Late Entry: Nov. 16th-Dec.5th \$140/per pen.

Bedding Fee: \$20/per animal for entire weekend.

SHOW INFORMATION:

Cattle entered into the pen shows need to be halter broke. Both a Grand and Reserve Champion will be placed in each breed and the Grand Champions will then advance to the Supreme Champion Pen Show, where one Supreme Champion will be selected in the Pen of Bulls and one Supreme Champion in the Pen of Heifers. All pen bulls and heifers must be weighed and weight turned in at Livestock Office by Friday at 2:00pm. All heifer pens will be shown 1st, in the order of the breeds listed, followed by bull pens.

BREEDS:

A minimum of 2 entries per breed is needed to hold show or will be moved to other breeds.

- Angus
- Charolais
- Gelbvieh
- Hereford
- Limousin
- Red Angus
- Shorthorn
- Simmental
- Sim-Influenced
- Other Breeds



JUNIOR SHOW INFORMATION

ENTRY INFORMATION:

Early Entry: Nov. 1st-Nov. 15th \$35/entry.

Late Entry: Nov. 16th-Dec.6th \$60/entry.

Bedding Fee: \$20/per animal for entire weekend.

SHOW INFORMATION:

The North Star Classic Junior Show is an open show; ND residency is not a requirement. Exhibitors in the junior shows must meet the eligibility requirements of their respective National Junior Breed Associations. For those breeds not governed by association rules, juniors 21 and younger, as of October 1st, 2024, will be allowed to show. This show is sanctioned by the North Dakota Junior Point Show Association and show results and points, towards awards, will be submitted for NDJPSA members. Contact Jaimie Friesz, at (C) 701-256-0006, or email prairiewindslivestock@gmail.com, for membership, points and awards information. NDJPSA registration can be done online at www.ndjpsa.com. Cattle must be in the name of the junior or family to be shown in the North Star Classic. Breeds will be running in ring order and breed champions will need to come back for selection of supreme individual. Animal is only allowed to be show once per day.



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- All Other Breeds

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AGCOUNTRY SHOWDOWN:

Show follows the completion of the Junior Breed Shows on Sunday with a 1/2 hour break. Breed division will be added in the market show. A minimum of five (5) head per breed is needed to hold a show, if not will be moved to AOB. Heifers, Crossbred, and Breed Steers will show in separate classes and will be sorted by weight. Registration papers are required for Breed Steers. Exhibitors will declare their weight at check-in, with the top 3 in each class called for weighback. 10% will be given each way. Champion animals then compete for the top prospect animals overall. Please be in the holding area with the top 3 in each class for champion selection.

