2027 Alabama Junior Livestock Expo

Official Rules (Beef)

March 6-8, 2027

Garrett Coliseum

Montgomery, AL

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General Information

Mission Statement:

"Utilizing the show ring to prepare the next generation of agriculturalist in Alabama"

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Alabama Junior Livestock Expo

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Montgomery, AL 36191-0001

Show Address:

Garrett Coliseum

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Montgomery, AL 36107-1125

Show Email:

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Show Website:

http://www.jrlivestockexpo.com

Remind App:

Text "@jrbeef" to 81010 for

smartphone updates

Directions

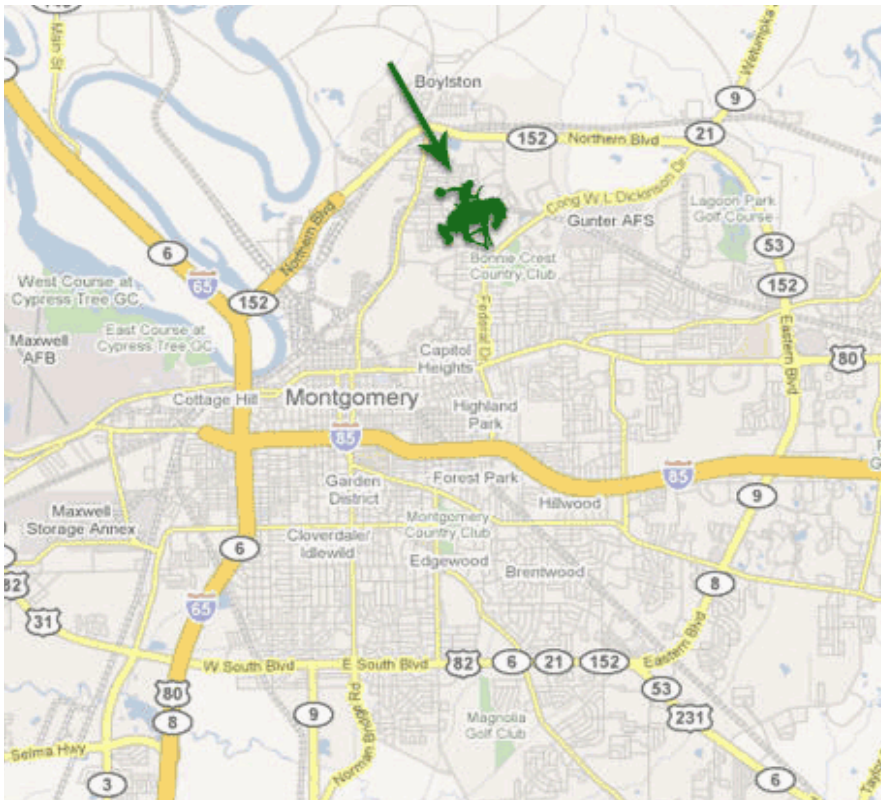
Physical Address
Garrett Coliseum
1555 Federal Drive
Montgomery, AL 36107-1125

From I-65

At exit 173, take ramp right and follow signs for North Blvd	4.5 mi
Turn right onto Coliseum Blvd	1.2 mi
Turn right onto Federal Dr	0.3 mi

From I-85

At exit 3, take ramp right and follow signs for Ann St	0.2 mi
Turn left onto Ann St	1.1 mi
Turn right onto Madison Ave	359 ft
Turn left onto Federal Dr	1.6 mi



2027 Show Schedule (Beef)

All dates, times, and show order are subject to change

Thursday, March 4

Barns Open for Cattle (optional)	Noon	Coliseum Grounds

Saturday, March 6

Check-In (Cattle & Showmanship)	1 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Livestock Barn/Lewis
Educational Clinic for Exhibitors	4 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Teague

Sunday, March 7

Show Ring Chapel	9:00 a.m.	Garrett Coliseum
Junior Market Show	11:00 a.m.	Garrett Coliseum
Junior Bull Show	Following Market	Garrett Coliseum
Showmanship (Senior, Alabama Cattlewomen's Senior Contest, Intermediate, Junior, Pee Wee)	Following Junior Bull Show	Garrett Coliseum
Ultrasound Challenge	3 p.m.-5 p.m.	Garrett Coliseum

Monday, March 8

JLE Pancake Breakfast	8:00 a.m.	Old CLC
Junior Breeding Heifer Show	9:00 a.m.	Garrett Coliseum

Saturday, March 20

Parade of Champions	TBD	Garrett Coliseum

Sunday, March 21

PBCI County Livestock Awards	Noon-1PM	Ag and Industries

Animal Health Requirements

JLE., along with the Alabama State Veterinarian, is committed to protecting animal health in Alabama. Accordingly, JLE fosters the animal health requirements set forth by the state of Alabama. Due to the nature of regulations set forth by the State Veterinarian, and unknown requirements after the posting of the JLE Official Rules; JLE encourages exhibitors to contact state Animal Health officials to confirm specific requirements as late as January 1, 2027.

Official Electronic ID (EID) – According to the Alabama Disease Traceability Rule (80-3-6-40) "Official ID is required for cattle, 18 months of age or older at change of ownership; all female dairy cattle; cattle and bison used in rodeo, show, exhibition or recreational events." Official EID for the JLE will be the 840 EID tags.

MARKET CATTLE & BREEDING HEIFERS/BULLS

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for instate cattle **not** required.
2. **Official Animal ID –** 840 EID tag

General Rules

This show is managed and administered by the Alabama Farmers Agriculture Foundation

Statement of Liability

All exhibits are under the control and direction of the Show Management, but the Southeastern Livestock Exposition and Rodeo and the Junior Livestock Expo are not responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any cattle or article exhibited by him or her and for its description as given in these rules, and shall indemnify the Southeastern Livestock Exposition and Rodeo, the Junior Livestock Expo, and sponsors/affiliates against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as damage or injury to any other person or property, caused by the exhibitor, or any of the animals exhibited by him or her, or arising out of, or in any way connected with such exhibition of any of the animals so exhibited.

The Southeastern Livestock Exposition and Rodeo and the Junior Livestock Expo deems it appropriate and prudent to be excused from liability in the event of early cancellation of its events, operations and activities by reason of force majeure (fires, floods, acts of God, labor strikes, etc.) and/or governmental regulation concerning public health and safety, cattle disease prevention, detection and response, including animal quarantine and/or destruction; and protection of the environment.

Important Definitions
AST – Agriculture Science Teacher

CEA – County Extension Agent (or equivalent)

Check-In: Defined as the time allotted at the JLE for exhibitors to provide necessary information (ex. Original Registration Papers) to Show Management for the show. Exhibitors who fail to complete all the check-in requirements for the show may be subject to disqualification.

JLE: Defined as the Junior Livestock Expo.

Project: Defined as any animal intended for competition at the JLE.

Project Period: Defined as the start of Online Entry process through conclusion of all JLE activities.

Rules Committee: Defined as the appointed committee designed to infer and enforce all rules outlined in the current JLE Official Rule Book.

Show Management: Defined as the those serving in a leadership role for the JLE. This could include the Rules Committee, members of the Alabama Farmers Federation Staff, 4-H or FFA representatives, CEA, Agricultural Science Teachers, Show Volunteers, etc.

1. **Eligibility:** The JLE is limited to bona fide residents of the state of Alabama. Exhibitors must be between the ages of 9 and 18 years old or still enrolled in high school as of January 1, 2027. Exhibitors must be a bona fide member of an Alabama 4-H Club, Alabama FFA Chapter, or Alabama Junior Cattlemen's Association. Exhibitors must have continuously and personally fed and cared for their projects throughout the duration of the Project Period.

2. Acknowledgments: By entering and competing in the JLE, exhibitors and their legal guardians agree to abide by all rules and liability requirements laid out in the 2027 Junior Livestock Expo Official Rules

3. Entry Fee: An entry fee of $75.00 per entry for the Junior Market, Junior Breeding, and Bull Show must be paid during the online entry process. The tie out stall costs are included in the entry fee. This fee is non-refundable for any reason.

4. Interpretation and Violation of Rules: Exhibitors are requested to report any rule violation to Show Management immediately so that appropriate action may be taken. Show Management and the Rules Committee reserve the final and absolute right to interpret these rules, and to settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of or connected with, or incident to, the JLE; and to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. Any exhibitor who violates any of the rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty the Rules Committee may order.

5. Special Rules: Special Rules are published where necessary. If there is a conflict between the Special Rules and the General Rules, the Show Management and the Rules Committee will make a ruling as to such conflict, which shall be binding and final.

6. Decisions: The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases. Furthermore, the judge has the ability to select a Top 5 separate from the Top 5 Overall Breeding Heifer, Bull, or Market Show or may choose to select a Top 5 in any combination from any breed class.

7. Official Protests: Official Protests must be submitted in writing to the Show Superintendent and accompanied by a $300.00 deposit, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. The protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal, giving good and sufficient reasons therefore, and must be delivered immediately upon the occasion for such protest. Any protest not officially filed within 24 hours of the alleged incident will not be considered. These cases will be ruled upon by the Rules Committee, who will have full power to act, and from whose decision there can be no appeal. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation.

8. Ownership: To gain the life skills developed through the livestock project; exhibitors must be engaged in the daily feeding, maintenance, training, grooming and overall welfare of his/her animals. Owned animals can be multi-owned between siblings as long as all siblings own the animal by the online registration date and are listed as the breeder and/or owner.

9. Validation: Validation will be used to verify ownership for all animals entered for competition at the JLE. Exhibitors wishing to participate in the Junior Market Show, Junior Breeding Show, or Bull Show must complete the entire Validation Process.

10. Validation Process: The Validation Process will begin with Online Entry. Once an exhibitor has completed the online entry process, a Validation Kit will be mailed to the address provided by the exhibitor. An outline of the Validation Process can be found below:

a) Exhibitors wishing to compete at the JLE shall complete **Online Entry** by December 14, 2026.

b) Upon receiving an exhibitor's Online Entry, Show Management will mail a **Validation Kit** for each required animal complete with instructions and **DNA Collection Envelope(s)** to the address provided by the exhibitor.

c) When the exhibitor receives the **Validation Kit**, he/she must carefully follow all instructions. This will include information about completing the **DNA Collection Envelopes** and finalizing the remaining paperwork including any needed **W-9 forms**, etc. Completed **Validation Kits** must be returned and postmarked by December 31, 2026 to the following address:

Alabama Junior Livestock Expo
Attn: Colton Christjohn
P.O. Box 11000
Montgomery, AL 36191-0001

Important Validation Definitions

- **DNA Collection Envelope:** These envelopes will be included in the Validation Kit. Instructions will be given on how to collect the hair samples that will be used for DNA identification. Other instructional material on collecting hair samples can be found here.
- **Online Entry –** Completing Online Entry is the first step to the Validation Process.
- **Validation Kit:** This kit will be mailed to exhibitors following their completion of the Online Entry process. It will include DNA Hair Collection Envelope(s) and instructions on how to complete the validation process.

Important Validation Deadlines

- **December 14:** Online Entry must be submitted online
- **December 31:** Validation Kits must be postmarked to the Alabama JLE

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11. DNA Testing: As a condition to participate in the JLE, every exhibitor must submit a DNA Collection Envelope that conforms with all requirements outlined in the Validation Process. Animals exhibited at the JLE must be the same as the animal submit through the Validation Process. Show Management reserves the right to obtain, maintain, and have analysis performed DNA samples. If the animal's identity is found to differ from the sample sent in during the Validation Process, the exhibitor and animal will be subject to disqualification and forfeiture of premium monies and prizes. The conclusion reached by the testing company/laboratory shall be final, without recourse against the JLE and Show Management. Care should be taken to ensure that the correct animal is validated, and the sample is properly labeled to that corresponding animal.

12. Stalling: Insofar as possible, JLE will provide one tie out per animal in the exhibitor barns. All animals must be on grounds prior to the end of Check-In and must remain in place until the animal has completed competition. Non-entered cattle are prohibited from coming onto grounds.

Tie-Out stalls will be located in the horse barns. Each stall is equipped with two (2) tie rings. There will be 2 entries per stall. These stalls will be assigned by the JLE upon receiving all entries and will be assigned based on entries and in the order in which exhibitors register online. Exhibitors may request to tie-out alongside other exhibitors or barn locations by submitting requests directly to show management, however there is no guarantee this request will be accommodated. Stalling will be assigned based off of requests and then by county as best as possible. No other stalling requests will be considered. Any and all requests are to be made no later than February 1, 2027.

13. Bedding: Bedding in the exhibitor barns and tie outs will be provided by the show. Exhibitors are encouraged to bring any additional bedding at their own expense.

14. Judging: Exhibitors are fully responsible for knowing the times at which their projects will be judged. Any project not presented promptly for competition may be ruled ineligible, to which complaints will not be considered. No complaint or protest claiming that the judge overlooked a project will be considered.

15. Interference: If any exhibitor, in any way, whether in person or by agent interferes with the judge(s) during adjudication, or shows any disrespect to them or the show, is subject to be penalized. The Rules Committee may demand a proper apology, may exclude him/her from competition, ban from future competition, and/or withhold any prizes that may have been awarded.

16. Project Care: Exhibitors must remain in charge of their project(s) and care for them for the duration of the show at all times. Fitting of the project is not a requirement of the exhibitor; therefore, fitters will be allowed to fit up to the point of entering the ring. The exhibitor is the absolute insurer of and is responsible for the condition of their animal/project(s). The Rules Committee reserves the right to decide what constitutes acceptable treatment of animal projects. Unacceptable treatment of animal projects will not be tolerated.

17. Project Security: All owners or persons in charge of property, or livestock, shall care for, guard, protect, and preserve same, as the JLE does not undertake to do so, and it shall not be held responsible for any loss, shrinkage, or damage to said property or livestock or the owners or exhibitors thereof. All exhibitors are responsible for security of their own animal/project(s) at all times. The JLE is not responsible for the acts of a third party.

18. Exhibitor Behavior: The JLE does not condone and will not permit aggressive behavior towards animals or other exhibitors, spectators, etc.

19. Exhibitor Attire: Exhibitors are expected to maintain a professional dress when exhibiting animals in the JLE. Should sponsored clothing be acquired, exhibitors would be required to wear the apparel provided by the sponsor(s) during designated competitions.

20. Exhibitor Numbers: Entries may be assigned an exhibitor number for competition. If so, these numbers should be worn by the exhibitor when their project is being judged.

21. Substitute Exhibitor Participation: Only exhibitors with proper entries in the JLE are eligible to assist exhibitors having more than one animal in the same class.

22. Restraint/Unruly Animals: Show Management may be forced to remove any unruly animal from the show at any time; to which there will be no appeal. Cattle must be shown with a halter and be sufficiently

gentle to be properly handled by the exhibitor.

23. Grooming Equipment: Exhibitors must be mindful of the equipment brought onto grounds. All electrical equipment must conform to applicable safety regulations. Generators and flammable fuels are not permitted in the barns. Fans over 24 inches in diameter, port-a-cools, swamp coolers, are not permitted in the exhibition barns. No fans in the aisle are permitted at any time. Show Management reserves the right to determine what equipment may be permitted in barns and on grounds.

24. Fitting/Grooming: Animals must be shown in their natural conformation and structure without alteration or modification, except for the grooming and treatment of the hair and trimming of the hooves. Fitters are not permitted to enter the show ring and aerosol spray is prohibited in the line up area.

25. Premiums: Premium monies will be distributed in the name of the exhibitor following the show. Premium amounts may vary between shows, breed, etc. Class premiums will be determined at the conclusion of the JLE.

26. Photography and Media Release: Exhibitors agree to present their animals at the request of JLE officials for official photographs. All photographs taken by the Official Photographer(s) or Show Management become property of the show. Commercial photography and filming are often conducted at the show. Exhibitors may be depicted in photographs or video recordings of any SLE or JLE event, and by entering the grounds and/or show, the exhibitor consents to the use of any depictions in connection with advertising, news reporting, public relations, webcasts or other broadcasts, or any other activities relating to the show, and the exhibitor will further release and waive all claims for compensation and any rights of review and approval, copyright, and right of publicity with respect thereto.

27. Utility Vehicles, ATVs and golf carts: are allowed on the Garret Coliseum Complex property, with a licensed driver operating. Open 4-wheelers and motorcycles are prohibited, and ALL vehicles are prohibited from operation in exhibitor areas.

28. Pets: Pets, excluding those defined with the Americans with Disabilities Act as service animals, are not permitted on the grounds at any time.

29. County Groups: There will be no contest for county groups.

30. Alcohol: Alcohol is prohibited at all JLE youth events.

Showmanship

DATE/TIME/LOCATION

Barns Open:	**Thursday, March 4**	**NOON**	
Check-In:	**Saturday, March 6**	**1 PM – 3PM**	**Livestock Barns**
Show:	**Sunday, March 7**	**TBD**	**Garrett**

*Show Order: Senior, Alabama Cattlewomen's Senior Contest, Intermediate, Junior, Pee Wee**

SPECIAL RULES

This show is subject to the Junior Livestock Expo and Special Rules listed in this section.

1. **Entry:** To be eligible, exhibitors must show an animal validated in their name or sibling. There is no entry fee for Showmanship. **Breeding bulls are not allowed to be shown during any Showmanship contest.**
2. **Age Divisions:** Exhibitors will show in one of the following divisions based off age as of January 1, 2027:
    a. Junior – 9-12
    b. Intermediate – 13-15
    c. Senior – 16+
3. **Classes:** Exhibitors will be placed into classes based on the date of birth.
4. **Judging:** It will be up to the judge to determine how many exhibitors from each age class will return for the Division Finals.
5. **Division Finals:** Exhibitors selected by the judge from each class will return to compete for the Division Finals. The judge will select a Top 5 in the Division Finals.
6. **Show Order:** The division order will be Senior, Alabama Cattlewomen's Senior Contest, Intermediate, Junior, *Pee Wee.
7. **Premium Payout:** Showmanship payout will be as follows:
    a. Showmanship (Senior, Intermediate, Junior)
        - Division Winner - $500
        - Division Runner-Up - $350
        - Division 3rd Overall - $250
        - Division 4th Overall - $150
        - Division 5th Overall - $100

*Pee Wee Showmanship

This competition is not in affiliation with 4-H, FFA, or AJCA

1. **Competition:** Held immediately following the Junior Showmanship Division selection, a Pee Wee Showmanship division will be held for all aspiring showman who are younger than the minimum age requirement to be entered in the JLE. Young exhibitors can exhibit any animal they wish and are encouraged to bring an experienced showman in the ring with them. No official ranking will be given.

Junior Breeding Heifer Show

Judge: TBA

DATE/TIME/LOCATION

Online Entry Deadline:	**December 14, 2026**		
Validation Kit Postmark Deadline:	**December 31, 2026**		
Check-In:	**Saturday, March 6**	**1PM - 3PM**	**Livestock Barn**
Show:	**Monday, March 8**	**9 A.M.**	**Garrett**

Tentative Show Order: American Breeds, British Breeds, Continental breeds, Commercial

Release: **At conclusion of class**

SPECIAL RULES

This show is subject to the Junior Livestock Expo General Rules and Special Rules listed in this section.

1. **Entry:** To be eligible, a completed Validation Kit and Entry Fee ($75.00) for each entry must have been submitted to the Alabama Farmers Federation. There is no maximum number of heifers an exhibitor can enter.

2. **Age:** All breeding heifers must be born between January 1, 2025 and October 30, 2026.

3. **Divisions:** Breeds will be designated by the original registration papers. Exhibitors with registered cattle will be required to send a copy of the animal's Official Registration Papers in with the Validation Kit. Official Registration Papers will be checked during Check-In to confirm entry into a breed listed below (excluding Commercial). Cattle shown in the Junior Breeding Heifer Show are not eligible for the Market Heifer Division. The following breed divisions will be offered:

    - Angus *(Registered with American Angus Association)*
    - Brahman *(Registered with American Brahman Breeders Association)*
    - Brangus *(Registered with International Brangus Breeders Association)*
    - Charolais *(Registered with American-International Charolais Association)*
    - Chianina *(Must be registered 6.25% or greater Chianina with American Chianina Association; less than 6.25% show in AOB division as Percentage Chi)*
    - Commercial *(Non-registered, non-papered)*
    - Hereford *(Registered with American Hereford Association)*
    - Limousin *(Must be registered 50% or greater Limousin with North American Limousin Foundation)*
    - Maine-Anjou *(Must be registered ¾ or greater Maine-Anjou with American Maine-Anjou Association; less than ¾ Maine-Anjou show as AOB division as Maintainer)*
    - Red Angus *(Must be registered with Red Angus Association of America)*
    - Shorthorn *(Must be registered 15/16 or greater with American Shorthorn Association; less than 15/16 will show in AOB division as Shorthorn Plus, provided minimum entry criteria is met)*

- Simmental *(Must be registered 7/8 or greater with American Simmental Association to show as purebred. To show in Percentage Simmental division, animal must be at least ½ but less than 7/8 Simmental, and less than ½ Simmental will show as AOB Continental division unless sponsored as a Simmental Influence breed derivative)*
- Texas Longhorn
- AOB American: All American-breed derivatives *(Includes American breeds not meeting minimum entry criteria)*
- AOB British: All British-breed derivatives *(Includes British breeds not meeting minimum entry criteria)*
- AOB Continental: All Continental-breed derivatives *(Includes Continental breeds not meeting minimum entry criteria)*

4. Minimum Entry Criteria: Show Management reserves the right to move any breed into an AOB division provided there are five (5) or less total head entered. Alternatively, Show Management reserves the right to make any breed derivative (i.e. Shorthorn Plus, Mainetainer, Lim-Flex, etc) found within an AOB division its own breed division provided there are five (5) or more total head entered. Texas Longhorns are exempt from this rule. Grouping of breeds not meeting the minimum will be at the full discretion of the Superintendent.

5. Breed Sponsorship: Prior to the end of Check-In, any interested party may choose to donate $600 to sponsor a breed or breed derivative. Should this occur, all animals of similar breed entry will show as their own breed.

6. Class Breaks: Classes will be broken by animal age at the conclusion of Check-In. Commercial Heifers classes will be broken by animal weight. There will be no minimum or maximum weight for Commercial Heifers.

7. Breed Champion Selections: After the completion of the final class within a breed division, 1st and 2nd place animals from each class shall be available for Breed Champion & Reserve Breed Champion selection.

8. Bred & Owned Champion Selections: After the selection of the Breed Champion & Reserve Breed Champions from each registered breed division, the highest placing Bred & Owned cattle from each class will compete for Breed Champion & Reserve Breed Champion Bred & Owned animal. Should an animal who was selected as Breed Champion or Reserve Breed Champion also be the highest ranking Bred & Owned, they would automatically be named the Champion Bred & Owned. **There will be no Bred & Owned champions selected from the Commercial division.*

9. Top 5 Overall Selection: At the conclusion of the show, Breed Champions & Reserve Breed Champions will compete for Top 5 Overall selection. Breed Champion & Reserve Breed Champion Bred & Owned heifers will compete for Top 5 Overall Bred & Owned.

10. Decisions: The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases. Furthermore, the judge has the ability to select a Top 5 separate from the Top 5 Overall Breeding Heifer, Bull, or Market Show or may choose to select a Top 5 in any combination from any breed class.

11. Premium Payout: Breeding Animal payout will be as follows:

a. Junior Breeding Heifer Show
   - Supreme Champion Overall - $5000
   - Reserve Supreme Champion Overall - $4000
   - 3rd Overall - $3000
   - 4th Overall - $2000
   - 5th Overall - $1000
   - Breed Champion - $350
   - Reserve Breed Champion - $200
   - Class Premiums – To be determined at the conclusion of the show

b. Bred & Owned
   - B&O Grand Champion - $1000
   - B&O Reserve Grand Champion - $750
   - 3rd Overall - $500
   - 4th Overall - $400
   - 5th Overall - $300
   - B&O Breed Champion - $100
   - B&O Reserve Breed Champion - $50

Junior Market Show

Judge: TBA

DATE/TIME/LOCATION

Online Entry Deadline:	**December 14, 2026**		
Validation Kit Postmark Deadline:	**December 31, 2026**		
Check-In:	**Saturday, March 6**	**1PM - 3PM**	**Livestock Barns**
Show:	**Sunday, March 7**	**11:00 A.M.**	**Garrett**

Tentative Show Order: Market Heifers, British Breeds, Continental breeds, Crossbred, American Breeds

Release: **At conclusion of class**

SPECIAL RULES

This show is subject to the Junior Livestock Expo General Rules, the Junior Show Rules, and Special Rules listed in this section.

1. **Entry:** To be eligible, a completed Validation Kit and Entry Fee ($75.00) for each entry must have been submitted to the Alabama Farmers Federation. There is **no maximum number** of Market Cattle an exhibitor can enter.

2. **Show Weight:** Official Show Weight will be determined during Check-In as animals are placed on official show scales. Weights from the official show scales are considered final. Cattle weighing less than the recommended minimum weight will be considered to be showcased in a feeder class division TBD by show management. Show management reserves the right to make final weight decisions at weigh in.

   Minimum Weight = 850 lbs. **Maximum Weight = No Max**

3. **Divisions:** Breeds will be designated by the original registration papers. Exhibitors with registered cattle will be required to send a copy of the animal's Official Registration Papers in with the Validation Kit. Official Registration Papers will be checked during Check-In to confirm entry into a breed listed below (excluding Market Heifer & Crossbred). Cattle shown in the Junior Breeding Heifer Show are not eligible for the Market Heifer Division. The following breed divisions will be offered:

   - Angus *(Registered with American Angus Association)*
   - Brahman *(Registered with American Brahman Breeders Association)*
   - Brangus *(Registered with International Brangus Breeders Association)*
   - Charolais *(Charolais appearing)*
   - Chianina *(Must be registered 6.25% or greater Chianina with American Chianina Association; less than 6.25% show in AOB division as Percentage Chi)*
   - Crossbred *(Non-registered, non-papered)*
   - Hereford *(Registered with American Hereford Association)*
   - Limousin *(Must be registered 50% or greater Limousin with North American Limousin*

Foundation)

- Maine-Anjou *(Must be registered ¾ or greater Maine-Anjou with American Maine-Anjou Association; less than ¾ Maine-Anjou show as AOB division as Maintainer)*
- Red Angus *(Must be registered with Red Angus Association of America)*
- Shorthorn *(Must be registered 15/16 or greater with American Shorthorn Association; less than 15/16 show in AOB division as Shorthorn Plus, provided minimum entry criteria is met)*
- Simmental *(Must be registered 7/8 or greater with American Simmental Association to show as purebred. To show in Percentage Simmental division, animal must be at least ½ but less than 7/8 Simmental, and less than ½ Simmental will show as AOB Continental division unless sponsored as a Simmental Influence breed derivative)*
- Texas Longhorn
- AOB American: All American-breed derivatives *(Includes American breeds not meeting minimum entry criteria)*
- AOB British: All British-breed derivatives *(Includes British breeds not meeting minimum entry criteria)*
- AOB Continental: All Continental-breed derivatives *(Includes Continental breeds not meeting minimum entry criteria)*

4. **Minimum Entry Criteria:** Show Management reserves the right to move any breed into an AOB division provided there are five (5) or less total head entered. Alternatively, Show Management reserves the right to make any breed derivative (i.e. Shorthorn Plus, Maintainer, Lim-Flex, etc.) found within an AOB division its own breed division provided there are five (5) or more total head entered. Texas Longhorns are exempt from this rule. Grouping of breeds not meeting the minimum will be at the full discretion of the Superintendent.

5. **Breed Sponsorship:** Prior to the end of Check-In, any interested party may choose to donate $600 to sponsor a breed or breed derivative. Should this occur, all animals of similar breed entry will show as their own breed.

6. **Class Breaks:** Classes will be broken by animal weight at the conclusion of Check-In.

7. **Breed Champion Selections:** After the completion of the final class within a breed division, 1st and 2nd place animals from each class shall be available for Breed Champion & Reserve Breed Champion selection. **There will be no Bred & Owned champions for the Junior Market Show.*

8. **Top 5 Overall Selection:** At the conclusion of the show, Breed Champions & Reserve Breed Champions will compete for Top 5 Overall selection. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion market heifer will be eligible to compete in the Top 5 Overall Market Selection.

9. **Decisions:** The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases. Furthermore, the judge has the ability to select a Top 5 separate from the Top 5 Overall Breeding Heifer, Bull, or Market Show or may choose to select a Top 5 in any combination from any breed class.

10. **Premium Payout:** Market Animal payout will be as follows:

<u>Junior Market Show</u>

- Grand Champion Overall - $5000
- Reserve Grand Champion Overall - $4000

- 3rd Overall - $3000
- 4th Overall - $2000
- 5th Overall - $1000
- Breed Champion - $350
- Reserve Breed Champion - $200
- Class Premiums - To be determined at the conclusion of the show

Alabama Born Junior Bull Show

DATE/TIME/LOCATION

Online Entry Deadline:	**December 14, 2026**		
Validation Kit Postmark Deadline:	**December 31, 2026**		
Check-In:	**Saturday, March 6**	**1PM - 3PM**	**Livestock Barns**
Show:	**Sunday, March 7**	**Following Market**	**Garrett**

Tentative Show Order: American breeds, Continental breeds, British breeds

SPECIAL RULES

This show is subject to the Junior Livestock Expo General Rules and Special Rules listed in this section.

1. **Entry:** To be eligible, a completed Validation Kit and Entry Fee ($75.00) for each entry must have been submitted to the Alabama Farmers Federation. For animals that have not been weaned and the dam is present during the JLE, the Entry Fee will be $175. Bulls will not be required to be Bred and Owned to compete in the Alabama Born Junior Bull Show. Exhibitors who purchase a bull from a breeder or dealer will be eligible. However, in order to be eligible, the exhibitor must be listed as the registered owner of the animal and the bull must be born in the state of Alabama. There is no maximum number of bulls an exhibitor can enter. **All bulls will be required to have a nose ring and lead.**

2. **Age:** All breeding bulls must be born between September 15, 2025 and November 15, 2026.

3. **Divisions:** Breeds will be designated by the original registration papers. Exhibitors with registered cattle will be required to send a copy of the animal's Official Registration Papers in with the Validation Kit. Official Registration Papers will be checked during Check-In to confirm entry into a breed listed below. The following breed divisions will be offered:

    - Angus *(Registered with American Angus Association)*
    - Brahman *(Registered with American Brahman Breeders Association)*
    - Brangus *(Registered with International Brangus Breeders Association)*
    - Charolais *(Registered with American-International Charolais Association)*
    - Chianina *(Must be registered 6.25% or greater Chianina with American Chianina Association; less than 6.25% show in AOB division as Percentage Chi)*
    - Hereford *(Registered with American Hereford Association)*
    - Limousin *(Must be registered 50% or greater Limousin with North American Limousin Foundation)*
    - Maine-Anjou *(Must be registered ¾ or greater Maine-Anjou with American Maine-Anjou Association)*
    - Red Angus *(Must be registered with Red Angus Association of America)*
    - Shorthorn *(Must be registered 15/16 or greater with American Shorthorn Association; less than 15/16 show in AOB division as Shorthorn Plus, provided minimum entry criteria is met)*
    - Simmental *(Must be registered 7/8 or greater with American Simmental Association to show as purebred. To show in Percentage Simmental division, animal must be at least ½ but less than 7/8 Simmental, and less than ½ Simmental will show as AOB Continental division unless sponsored as a Simmental Influence breed derivative)*

- Texas Longhorn

4. **Minimum Entry Criteria:** Show Management reserves the right to move any breed into an AOB division provided there are five (5) or less total head entered. Texas Longhorns are exempt from this rule. Grouping of breeds not meeting the minimum will be at the full discretion of the Superintendent.

5. **Class Breaks:** Classes will be broken by animal age at the conclusion of Check-In.

6. **Breed Champion Selections:** After the completion of the final class within a breed division, 1st and 2nd place animals from each class shall be available for Breed Champion & Reserve Breed Champion selection.

7. **Top 5 Overall Selection:** At the conclusion of the show, Breed Champions & Reserve Breed Champions will compete for Top 5 Overall selection.

8. **Bred & Owned Champion Selections:** After the completion of the Top 5 Overall, a Bred and Owned Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from the breeds entered. There will be no Bred and Owned Breed Champions.

9. **Decisions:** The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases. Furthermore, the judge has the ability to select a Top 5 separate from the Top 5 Overall Breeding Heifer, Bull, or Market Show or may choose to select a Top 5 in any combination from any breed class.

10. **Premium Payout:** Bull payout will be as follows:

<u>Purebred Bull Show</u>

- Grand Champion Overall - $1000
- Reserve Grand Champion Overall - $750
- 3rd Overall - $500
- 4th Overall - $250
- 5th Overall - $100
- Breed Champion - $75
- Reserve Breed Champion - $50
- Class Premiums - To be determined at the conclusion of the show

<u>Bred & Owned</u>

- B&O Grand Champion - $500
- B&O Reserve Grand Champion - $400

Market Ultrasound Challenge

This show is contingent on the availability of Ultrasound Technician

Ultrasound Technician: TBD

PURPOSE

Real-time ultrasound is a non-invasive method of estimating economically important carcass traits of the live animal. This technology is being utilized to make seedstock selections and mating decisions. All major beef breed associations are developing carcass EPDs with this valuable data. In addition, the cattle feeding industry is using ultrasound to group animals into uniform lots to enhance value-based marketing at harvest. This contest, using ultrasound carcass data, is a unique educational opportunity designed to:

- Familiarize exhibitors and their families with ultrasound technology
- Provide carcass data to both the exhibitor and the original breeder of the animal
- Award exhibitors who have animals that excel in producing a carcass that is the envy and goal of the industry.

DATE/TIME/LOCATION

TBD

SPECIAL RULES

This show is subject to the Junior Livestock Expo General Rules and Special Rules listed in this section.

1. **Entry:** *Only* validated animals are eligible for the Market Ultrasound Challenge. Entry is voluntary, and no entry fee is due at time of scan at JLE. Cattle entered in the Market Ultrasound Challenge must be shown in the JLE to be considered for awards.

2. **Presentation:** Animals should be clean and dry when presented for measurement.

3. **Procedure:** Measurements will be taken between the 12^{th} and 13^{th} rib on the left side of the animal. Measurements that will be taken include backfat depth, ribeye area, and percentage of intramuscular fat. These measurements will be used to determine quality and yield grade of each animal.

4. **Oil:** This procedure will require the use of oil or other lubricants. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to remove the residue after the completion of the ultrasound measurements.

5. **Clipping:** Projects are to be presented naturally with no additional clipping or shearing.

6. **Formula:** Proposed formula to be used: 56.9 minus (calculated YG times 2.3) pls (0.8 times each 1/3 grade above Low Choice) minus (0.02 times each 0.1 square inch REA less than 11.5 or greater than 14.5 square inch REA)

7. Awards: Top 10 will be recognized prior to the Overall Top 5 Selection of the Junior Market Show or when results are analyzed.

8. Premium Payout: Ultrasound Challenge payout will be as follows:

Ultrasound Challenge

- Challenge Winner - $500
- Challenge Runner-Up - $450
- 3rd Overall - $400
- 4th Overall - $350
- 5th Overall - $300
- 6th Overall - $250
- 7th Overall - $200
- 8th Overall - $150
- 9th Overall - $100
- 10th Overall - $50