



# **2026 Alabama Junior Livestock Expo**

## **Official Rules (Dairy)**

March 18, 2026

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”

## **Contact Information:**

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## **Show Website:**

<http://www.jrlivestockexpo.com>

# Directions

## Physical Address

1555 Federal Drive  
Montgomery, AL 36107-1125

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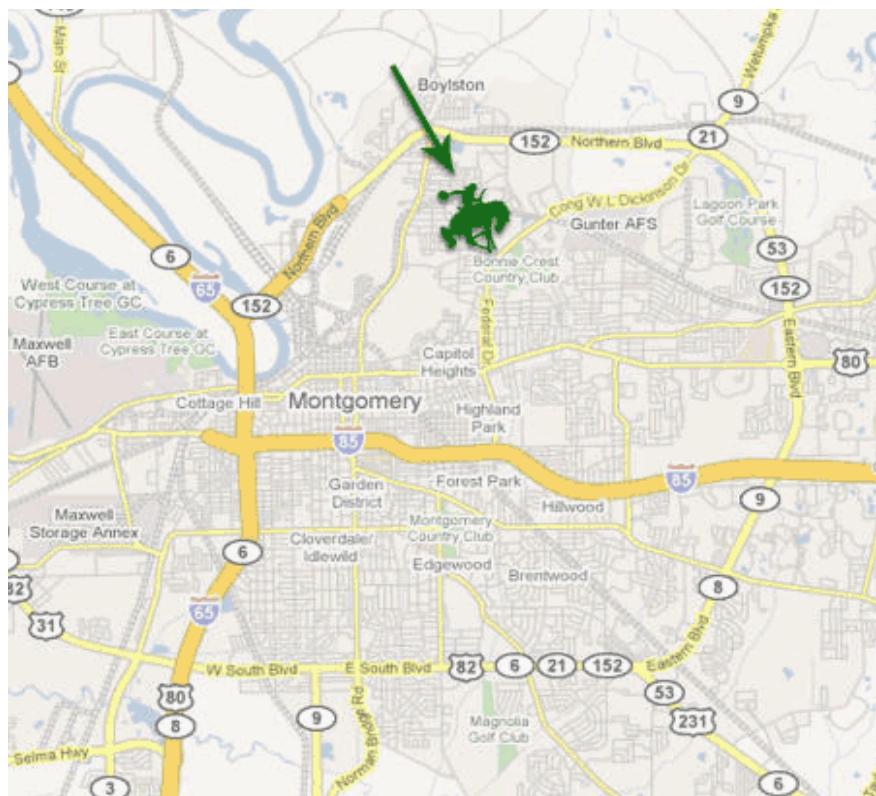
## From I-65

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

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## 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



# 2026 Show Schedule

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

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## Tuesday, March 17

<b>Barns Open for Dairy</b>	5 p.m.	Livestock Barn
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## Wednesday, March 18

<b>JLE Breakfast</b> (Breakfast is open to all exhibitors and their families)	8:00 a.m.	Lewis
<b>Check-In</b>	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Lewis
<b>Showmanship</b> <b>Youth show</b>	11 AM Following Showmanship	Garrett Coliseum Garrett Colisuem

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# 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, 2026.

**Official Electronic ID (EID)** – \*\*Effective January 1, 2020, the Alabama State Veterinarian began requiring that all animals exhibited at Livestock Shows and related events, must comply with the Alabama Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) Rule. All animals that are to be shown must have the following methods of officials' ID appropriately placed in the ear:

- An official EID (an electronic identification) ear tag purchased from an approved animal identification number (AIN) manager or distributor. The first step in this process is to obtain an Alabama Premises ID. (Many of our exhibitors already have an Alabama Premises ID.) If not, contact the State Veterinarian's office at (334) 240 – 7253 or go online at <http://agi.alabama.gov/docs/default-source/Animal-Health/animal-traceability-premises-registration-form.pdf?sfvrsn=11> Premises ID is required field on all entries.

# 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 project 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, 2026. Exhibitors must be a bona fide member of an Alabama 4-H Club or Alabama FFA Chapter. All exhibitors must be able to show their project without the need of assistance.

**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 2026 Junior Livestock Expo Official Rules.

- 3. Entry Fee:** An entry fee of \$50.00 per entry for the Youth Show must be paid during the online entry process. 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.
- 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.

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#### Important Deadlines

- **January 12:** Online registration closes

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- 9. Stalling:** Insofar as possible, JLE will provide one stall per animal in the exhibitor barns on a first come, first serve basis. Should entries exceed the number of available stalls, projects will be assigned stalling two per stall. 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 livestock are prohibited from coming onto grounds.
- 10. Bedding:** First bedding in the exhibitor barns will be provided by the show. Exhibitors are encouraged to bring any additional bedding at their own expense.
- 11. 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.
- 12. 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.

**13. Project Care:** Exhibitors must remain in charge of their project(s) and care for them for the duration of the show at all times. 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.

**14. 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 exhibitor is the absolute insurer of and is responsible for the condition of their animal/project(s). The JLE is not responsible for the acts of a third party.

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

**16. 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.

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

**18. 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.

**19. 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.

**20. 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.

**21. Fitting:** Animals must be shown in their natural conformation and structure without alteration or modification, except for the grooming and treatment of the hair and hooves.

**22. 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.

**23. 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.

**24. 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.

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

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

# Showmanship

## DATE/TIME/LOCATION

<b>Online Entry Deadline:</b>	<b>January 12, 2026</b>		
<b>Barns Open:</b>	<b>Tuesday, March 17</b>	<b>5PM</b>	
<b>Check-In:</b>	<b>Wednesday, March 18</b>	<b>8 AM-9 AM</b>	<b>Lewis</b>
<b>Show:</b>	<b>Wednesday, March 18</b>	<b>11AM</b>	<b>Garrett</b>

## 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 show participant. There is no entry fee or animal age requirement for Showmanship.

**2. Age Divisions:** Exhibitors will show in one of the following divisions based off age as of January 1, 2026:

- a. Junior – 9-12
- b. Intermediate – 13-15
- c. Senior – 16+

**3. Classes:** Exhibitors within each age division will be randomly placed into classes. Classes within each division may be comprised of exhibitors with different ages. There will be no more than 10 exhibitors per class.

**4. Judging:** The judge will not be required to rank every exhibitor within each class. It will be up to the judge to determine how many exhibitors from each 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 rank each exhibitor in the Division Finals.

**6. Show Order:** The division order will be Senior, Intermediate, Junior.

**7. Premium Payout:** Showmanship payout will be as follows:

- a. Showmanship (Senior, Intermediate, Junior)
  - Division Champion - \$250
  - Division Reserve Champion - \$200
  - Division 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall - \$150
  - Division 4<sup>th</sup> Overall - \$100
  - Division 5<sup>th</sup> Overall - \$50

# \*Pee Wee Showmanship

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

**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 dairy animal they wish and are encouraged to bring an experienced showman in the ring with them. No official ranking will be given.

# YOUTH DAIRY CATTLE SHOW

## Ayrshire, Guernsey, Jersey, Brown Swiss, Holstein, Milking Shorthorn, and Commercial

Judge: TBA

### DATE/TIME/LOCATION

Online Entry Deadline:	January 12, 2026		
Barns Open:	Tuesday, March 17	5PM	
Check-In:	Wednesday, March 18	8 AM-9 AM	Lewis
Show:	Wednesday, March 18	TBD	Garrett

### 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, an Entry Fee (\$50.00 per entry) must have been submitted to the Alabama Farmers Federation. There is no maximum number of animals an exhibitor can enter.
- 2. Minimum Entry Criteria:** If any of the above listed breeds have less than four (4) entries at JLE, the entire breed will be moved to the AOB (any other breed) division.
- 3. Class Breaks:** Classes will be broken by animal age at the conclusion of Check-In. Commercial classes will be broken by animal weight. There will be no minimum or maximum weight for Commercial heifers.
- 4. Ear Tags:** All projects are required to have an Official 840 EID in order to show.

Classes: All purebred classes will be broken by animal age.

\*Commercial heifer classes to be set by the Dairy Show Rules Committee upon weigh in at registration. All Commercial heifers must be weighed in at time of check-in.

1. Fall Heifer Calf: born September 1, 2025 – November 30, 2025
2. Summer Yearling Heifer: born June 1, 2025 – August 31, 2025
3. Spring Yearling Heifer: born March 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025
4. Winter Yearling Heifer: born December 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025
5. Fall Yearling Heifer: born September 1, 2024– November 30, 2024 (Any animal of this age in milk will show as a Junior Two-Year-Old Cow)
6. Junior Two-Year-Old Cow: born March 1, 2024 – August 31, 2024

7. Senior Two-Year-Old Cow: born March 1, 2023 – February 28, 2024
8. Three-Year-Old Cow: born March 1, 2022 – February 28, 2023
9. Four-Year-Old Cow: born March 1, 2021 – February 28, 2022
10. Five-Year-Old Cow: born March 1, 2020 – February 28, 2021
11. Aged Cow: Six years old and over – born before March 1, 2020
12. Dry Cow: Three years and over – born before March 18, 2023

**Breed Champion Selection:** After the completion of the final class within a breed division, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place animals from each class shall be available for Breed Champion & Reserve Breed Champion selection. There will be a junior and senior division based off animal age.

**Top 5 Overall Selection:** At the conclusion of the show, Breed Champions & Reserve Breed Champions will compete for a Top 5 Overall selection. There will be a junior and senior division based off animal age.

**Premium Payout:** Youth Show payout will be as follows:

Class Premiums – To be determined at the conclusion of the show

- Junior Youth Show
  - Grand Champion Overall - \$400
  - Reserve Grand Champion Overall - \$300
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall - \$200
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Overall - \$100
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Overall - \$50
  - Breed Champion - \$100
  - Reserve Breed Champion - \$50
- Senior Youth Show
  - Grand Champion Overall - \$400
  - Reserve Grand Champion Overall - \$300
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall - \$200
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Overall - \$100
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Overall - \$50
  - Breed Champion - \$100
  - Reserve Breed Champion - \$50