



MI SHOWS is a youth program that recognizes Michigan's youth beef exhibitors through sanctioned steer and heifer shows that include showmanship and educational competitions. Youth who participate in the sanctioned shows earn points for their placing. Points are tracked for market animals (owned, bred & owned and MI Bred), heifers (owned, bred & owned and MI Bred), showmanship and educational contests.

The MI SHOWS program goals are to:

- Encourage youth to participate in showing beef cattle throughout the state
- Develop leadership and promote education
- Recognize the youth showing cattle in Michigan

MI SHOWS program Rules & Regulations

1. Only Michigan residents who are 8 years old by January 1, 2022, but not older than 21 as of January 1, 2022 are eligible to participate in the program. All MI SHOWS sanctioned shows must follow the age guidelines that will allow youngest (8 yrs. as of 1/1/22) or oldest (21 yrs. as of 1/1/22) MI SHOWS youth to participate.
2. MI SHOWS exhibitors must be a resident of Michigan for more than 6 months in each calendar year and must attend a Michigan School (exception made for Michigan resident college students attending out of State Institutions)
3. To participate, MI SHOWS exhibitors must pay a \$25 per head entry fee. This is a one-time fee for the show season. Each exhibitor must complete the entry form and the form needs to be returned BEFORE the exhibitor's first sanctioned show. A copy of the registration paper needs to be sent in with the entry form. Original registration papers must be in the exhibitor's name, no farm or family names. Exhibitors with pending papers will only have showmanship points counted until originals are received.
4. **Online entries – Exhibitors are responsible for uploading all the required documents BEFORE the first show. MI SHOWS will no longer be accepting emailed registration papers or affidavits. Everything must be uploaded using the online entry. Online entries will have a date/time stamp.**
5. To participate in the MI Bred division with a commercial heifer, market heifer or crossbred steer an affidavit must be submitted with the MI SHOWS entry form before the exhibitor's first sanctioned show. All registered breed animals that show a Michigan breeder on the papers are automatically entered in the MI Bred division.
6. Each MI SHOWS exhibitor can enter up to 4 animal's total. A dual registered animal counts as 2 animals.
7. Each MI SHOWS exhibitor is only allowed 1 crossbred steer, 1 market heifer and 1 commercial heifer to count for points.
8. **No substitutions will be allowed. Exhibitors can only add animals up to a total of 4 animals.**
9. **No adding of new animals after April 1, 2022**
10. All animals entered in MI SHOWS must be in the ownership, possession and care at the time of the entry by the MI SHOWS exhibitor and must remain in the ownership, possession and care of the exhibitor throughout the remainder of the MI SHOWS show season.
11. The animal must be owned by the youth exhibitor. To receive points the animal must be shown by their owner. An exception is made if the exhibitor has two or more owned animals in the same class.
12. MI SHOWS exhibitors that are physically unable to show their animal, may have another MI SHOWS exhibitor show it for them, but the owner must be present at the show and inform a MI SHOWS director of the situation to earn points. If a MI SHOWS exhibitor becomes ill after check-in at a show, they must contact MI SHOWS director for prior approval. If an exhibitor becomes ill at home before leaving for a show, then no points will be awarded.

13. Animals that are eligible for Bred & Owned points must be Bred & Owned by the youth exhibitor.
14. Animals that will be shown by breed and sorted this way for MI SHOW points. Awards will also follow these classifications –

Angus Heifer & Steer: Purebred Angus Registration Papers

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

Hereford Heifer & Steer: Purebred Hereford Registration Papers

Maine Heifer & Steer: 75%- Maine Registration Papers (Brown)

Mainetainer Heifer & Steer: 25%-74% All Registration papers issued by the Maine Association

Shorthorn Heifer & Steer: 15/16 – Shorthorn Registration Papers

Shorthorn Plus Heifer: Minimum 50% (AR 50)- Shorthorn Plus Registration Papers

Shorthorn Plus Steer: Minimum 25% - Shorthorn Plus Registration Papers

Purebred Simmental Heifer & Steer: 7/8 or greater Simmental Registration Papers

Percentage Simmental Heifer & Steer: Minimum 50% but not greater than 7/8 Simmental Registration Papers

ALL OTHER REGISTERED BREEDS – animals with registration papers, but not listed above. Include **Limousin** (all), **Red Angus** (all), lower percentage **Simmental** (less than ½) and lower percentage **Shorthorn** heifers (less than ½ shorthorn), **Charolais** (purebred), **Charolais Composite** Heifers & Steers. These breeds may show AORB, animals not meeting these requirements will show as commercial heifers and crossbred steers.

Market Heifers – Show by weight and show with Market animals for Top 5 Market Animals

15. Dual entry eligible cattle will only get one set of points per show unless it is able to show in both breeds at the show and it is entered in both breeds in MI SHOWS. Points will be treated as two separate animals. (FOR EXAMPLE: a heifer registered as Shorthorn Plus and Mainetainer, must be entered into MI SHOWS as a Shorthorn Plus and Mainetainer and pay the \$25 fee per BREED to receive both points. This is also the same for a Market Heifer and Commercial heifer entry, they count at 2 separate entries in MI SHOWS).
16. Purebred steers and heifers will be recorded by breed registration number and tattoo. Crossbred steers, crossbred heifers and market heifers will be recorded by a RFID tag.
17. Showmanship will be offered at every MI SHOWS sanctioned show. Exhibitors must show their own animal in showmanship to receive points. The animal must be entered in MI SHOWS for points to count.
18. If an animal is disruptive to its class, it is the discretion of the show management to dismiss it from that class. If the animal is dismissed during a class, the exhibitor will lose all points for that animal for that show.
19. Breeding heifers must be born after 9/1/20. Market animals must be born in 2021.
20. Any protest in regard to the MI SHOWS rules not being executed at a sanctioned show must be filed at the MI SHOWS sanctioned show. The protest must be written and accompanied by \$100.00. The person placing the protest is responsible for all costs incurred to verify the protest. The written protest must state plainly the cause of the complaint and must be filed before the championship drive at the show. MI SHOWS protests need to be turned into a MI SHOWS director and will be handled by the MI SHOWS committee. If protest is valid the \$100 is returned, otherwise MI SHOWS retains the \$100. MI SHOWS reserves the right to review any possible rule violations.
21. Conduct. Any unsportsmanlike conduct or misrepresentation on the part of a MI SHOWS exhibitor will not be tolerated. All exhibitors are always expected to be cooperative and courteous. If a MI SHOWS exhibitor is found to have misrepresented themselves potential disciplinary actions may follow. **This includes social media.** If proof is brought to the attention of the MI SHOWS board of directors that you violated a MI SHOWS rule or have shown unsportsmanlike conduct, MI SHOWS board of directors has the right to remove points from animal/exhibitor that is found in violation or suspend/expel an exhibitor from MI SHOWS. MI Shows exhibitors expelled from a sanctioned show for major rules violations, inhumane treatment, or similar activities, may be considered for expulsion from the MI SHOWS program. The board of directors will have the responsibility of determining violations and or sanctions within the MI Shows program and their determination is final.
22. All shows must include breed classes for breeds listed in Rule 13. If there are less than 3 animals showing in one breed, then the show has the option to let them show in the breed class or move them to the All Other Registered Breed (AORB) class. Points would still be determined by placing in the class.

23. All sanctioned shows must select the top 5 market animals, the top 5 heifers and top 5 or 10 showman in each age group, depending on total numbers showing in showmanship. They don't have to award any prizes, but for points totals this is necessary.
24. Sanctioned shows are required to submit \$50 and Sanction form to MI SHOWS upon sanctioning.
25. Everyone needs to double check their points after each time the points are posted. Corrections will only be made if the question is presented to the MI SHOWS committee within 21 days of the most recent posted results. Any questions need to be emailed to mishowspoints@gmail.com
26. MI SHOWS will start in October and continue through the last participating sanctioned jackpot. There will be no additions to the MI SHOWS sanctioned shows list after the Michigan Winter Classic. The awards presentation exact date and time to be determined.
27. MI SHOWS does not govern sanctioned shows. The show must uphold their own set of rules. If there is a question at a sanctioned show, each individual show will handle the situation accordingly. If an exhibitor is dismissed from a show, the exhibitor will not receive any points from that show.

PLEASE refer to the MI SHOWS webpage for an updated list of sanctioned shows.

***MI Bred affidavit must be included with entry.** *Only 1 Crossbred market steer, only 1 market heifer, only 1 commercial heifer can be entered for points.

MI SHOWS Points System

1. Total points will be kept for each individual exhibitor and their individual animals.
2. Awards will be determined for both market animals and heifers in the categories listed in Rule 13.
3. Awards will be presented to Top Premier Exhibitors, Top Market Animal exhibitors, Top Heifer exhibitors, Top Showmanship exhibitors, Top Bred & Owned Market Animals, Top Bred & Owned Heifers, Top MI Bred Market Animals, Top MI Bred Heifers, Top Educational exhibitors and Top Animals in each breed in both market animals and heifers.
4. Each animal entered in MI SHOWS must be exhibited in at least 4 shows to be eligible for yearend awards.
5. The exhibitor's animal's top points from not more than 8 shows will be used for the yearend totals.
6. If a MI SHOWS exhibitor is beat by a non-MI SHOWS exhibitor, the MI SHOWS exhibitor will receive points for the actual place in the class.
7. Points shall be earned on the following basis:
 - Class placing:
 - 1st place = number of head in class x 6
 - 2nd place = number of head in class x 5
 - 3rd place = number of head in class x 4
 - 4th place = number of head in class x 3
 - 5th place = number of head in class x 2
 - 6th place to last place = number of head in class x 1

Breed Champion = 15 pts + class pts are replaced by the 1st place pts of the largest class of that breed.

Reserve Breed Champion = 10 pts + class pts are replaced by the 1st place pts of the largest class of that breed.

For shows less than 200 head:

Overall Champion = 50 pts. (+ largest class of day market/heifer and champion points)

Overall Reserve Champion = 40 pts. (+ largest class of day market/heifer and champion points)

3rd Overall Champion = 30 pts. (+ largest class of day market/heifer and champion points)

4th Overall Champion = 20 pts. (+ largest class of day market/heifer and champion points)

5th Overall Champion = 10 pts. (+ largest class of day market/heifer and champion points)

For shows 201 to 500 head:

- Overall Champion = 55 pts. (+ largest class of day market/heifer and champion points)
- Overall Reserve Champion = 45 pts. (+ largest class of day market/heifer and champion points)
- 3rd Overall Champion = 35 pts. (+ largest class of day market/heifer and champion points)
- 4th Overall Champion = 25 pts. (+ largest class of day market/heifer and champion points)
- 5th Overall Champion = 15 pts. (+ largest class of day market/heifer and champion points)

For shows over 500 head:

- Overall Champion = 60 pts. (+ largest class of day market/heifer and champion points)
- Overall Reserve Champion = 50 pts. (+ largest class of day market/heifer and champion points)
- 3rd Overall Champion = 40 pts. (+ largest class of day market/heifer and champion points)
- 4th Overall Champion = 30 pts. (+ largest class of day market/heifer and champion points)
- 5th Overall Champion = 20 pts. (+ largest class of day market/heifer and champion points)

FOR EXAMPLE:

Show size less than 200 head -

Heifer is 1st in class of 4, then breed champion, then 3rd overall heifer. The largest class of heifers was 10.

Points: 60 (for largest class pts) = 15 (breed champion) + 30 (Overall Pts.) = 105 total points.

8. All points recorded for a class are based on the actual number of cattle that enter the show ring for that particular class.
9. Exhibitor MUST show their own MI SHOWS animal in showmanship. We will use the best showmanship score from either the Heifer or Steer showmanship if a show offers both showmanship classes.
10. Showmanship points shall be earned on the following basis:
 - a. For shows greater than or equal to 150 exhibitors
 - i. Points will be given for the top 10 showman in each age division –
 1. Champion Showman 60 pts
 2. Reserve Showman 55 pts.
 3. 3rd Overall Showman 50 pts.
 4. 4th Overall showman 45 pts.
 5. 5th Overall Showman 40 pts.
 6. 6th Overall Showman 37 pts.
 7. 7th Overall Showman 34 pts.
 8. 8th Overall Showman 31 pts.
 9. 9th Overall Showman 28 pts.
 10. 10th Overall Showman 25 pts.
 11. Exhibitors that make the cut in showmanship 15 pts.
 12. All exhibitors who show in showmanship – but don't make the cut 5 pts.
 - b. For shows less than 75-149 exhibitors
 - i. Points will be given for the top 5 showman in each age division –
 1. Champion Showman 50 pts.
 2. Reserve Showman 45 pts.
 3. 3rd Overall Showman 40 pts.
 4. 4th Overall Showman 35 pts.
 5. 5th Overall Showman 30 pts.
 6. Exhibitors that make the cut in showmanship 10 pts.
 7. All exhibitors who show in showmanship – but don't make the cut 5 pts.

- c. For shows less than 74 exhibitors
 - i. Points will be given for the top 5 showman in each age division –
 1. Champion Showman 40 pts.
 2. Reserve Showman 35 pts.
 3. 3rd Overall Showman 30 pts.
 4. 4th Overall Showman 25 pts.
 5. 5th Overall Showman 20 pts.
 6. Exhibitors that make the cut in showmanship 10 pts.
 7. All exhibitors who show in showmanship – but don't make the cut 5 pts.

11. Educational contests –

- a. Educational contests points will count from 3 MI SHOWS sanctioned shows – Michigan Winter Classic, Michigan Beef Expo and the Michigan Beef Showcase. If these shows are unable to be held, online contests will be held. Each show sets their own guidelines.
- b. An educational contest is photography, essay, poster, graphic design, speech, livestock judging and skill-a-thon. Each show will offer a variety of these contests.
- c. Livestock judging at MI Beef Expo or online will count as 2 educational contests.
- d. For a participant to be eligible for the Premier Exhibitor award the exhibitor will have to have participated in at least 6 educational contests.
- e. Educational points shall be earned on the following basis:
 - i. 1st place will receive 20 pts. in each contest
 - ii. 2nd place will receive 15 pts. in each contest
 - iii. 3rd place will receive 10 pts. in each contest
 - iv. All participants not placing in the top 3 will receive 5 pts for each contest.
- f. The top 6 educational contests points will be used toward the total points for Premier Exhibitor.

FOR EXAMPLE: For an exhibitor to qualify they could enter a photo at Winter Beef and Expo, enter judging at Expo, essay and skill-a-thon at Showcase. Thus totaling 6 contests.

NOTE: If a show offers you the opportunity to enter more than 1 picture, it only counts as 1 contest.

12. In the case of a tie – all ties will be broke using educational contests completed.



2021/22 MI SHOWS – Michigan Bred Certification

I hereby certify that the animal(s) listed below are the product of my farm operation and that I owned the dam of these animals at the time of conception. I also hereby certify that my farm is located in the state of Michigan, therefore, making these animals eligible for the Michigan bred division in the MI SHOWS points program. I fully understand that falsification of the information on the animal(s) listed will automatically disqualify the animal(s) and the exhibitor(s) from the MI SHOWS points program, including the forfeiture of all awards.

Breeders name and address:

Breeder Signature:

I certify that to the best of my knowledge all the information given above is accurate and that I am the legal owner of all the animals listed below.

Exhibitors name, address and signature (add signature or parent / legal guardian if under age 18):

Exhibitor Name: _____ Signature: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Animal Name

Division

RFID

Crossbred Steer/Market Heifer/Commercial Heifer

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

***A Michigan Bred Certification is needed for all crossbred steers, market heifers and commercial heifers that are entering the MI Bred division of MI SHOWS. Must be submitted with the MI SHOWS entry before the first MI SHOWS show for points to be counted.**