Ring 1: Showmanship

25TH MINNESOTA BEEF EXPO

Ages 7-10
Ages 13 & 14
Ages 17 & 18

Friday, Oct. 16, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.

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2026 Minnesota Beef Expo Showmanship Judges

Jacob Klaudt: Ring 1

Jacob Klaudt and his wife, Emma live in Kindred, North Dakota. Klaudt is the Merle Light Livestock Evaluation Coach and a lecturer at North Dakota State University, where he is also pursuing a master's degree. Previously, he earned his bachelor's in animal sciences and industry, with a minor in journalism & mass communications. He was part of national champion livestock judging teams, highlighted by being high individual in the national livestock judging contest in Louisville.

Jacob previously attended Casper College, where he was an All-American Junior College Livestock Judge, while earning his associate's degree in animal science and agriculture communication. He is originally from Beulah, North Dakota, where he grew up raising Simmental & Angus cattle. Currently, Jacob is an inaugural member of the "Top Judge Mentorship Program", and has judged livestock shows in 12 states.

Lane Giess: Ring 2

Lane Giess, Ph.D was raised on a feedstock cattle operation in central Minnesota, where early experiences competing at the Minnesota Beef Expo helped spark a lifelong passion for the beef industry.

Giess Completed his B.S and M.S. at Kansas State University. During his time at K-State, Giess was a member of the meats judging team, livestock judging team, and the livestock/meat evaluation team, and later returned as the meats judging coach in 2017. Giess recently completed his Ph.D in Animal Breeding and genetics at Colorado State University. Giess most recently served as a Director and Lead Geneticist for the American Simmental Association before transitioning to Zoetis in the spring of 2025. He now serves as the Global Beef Genetics Technical Service Manager in the Precision Animal Health division at Zoetis. Lane and his wife, Kate reside outside Fort Collins, Colorado, and he remains actively involved in his family's operation near Pierz, Minn.

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Showmanship
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Judging Contest
Minnesota Farm Bureau Foundation

Sale Cattle Show
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Premier Exhibitor Contest
Minnesota State Fair Foundation

All Other Breed Classes
Susan Lynskey
Minnesota Murray Grey

Angus Classes
Jeff Brand
Jordan Chaput
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Colby & Tracy Lind
Christina Mattson & Patt Hillmann
Curt & Kim Miner
Randy & Karen Mitteness
Ben & Dana Ostertag
Jim & Myrna Scharpe
Derek Stehr
Scott & Christina Swanek
Dennis & Jean Youngerberg

British White Park Classes
American British White Park Association

Charolais Classes
Coudron Charolais
Eisenbraun Cattle
Highview Charolais Farm
Kathrein Charolais
Nelson Charolais
Zehnder Waage Partnership

Charolais Composite Classes
Heritage Cattle Company
North Grove Charolais
RJB Cattle

Commercial Classes
Boesl Farms
Long Prairie Livestock
Gillespie Cattle Company
Families First Counseling
Happy Hour Cattle Company
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Cade & Page Hibdon
Paul and Mary Jans Family, In Loving Memory of Adam "Red" Jans
Netzke Show Cattle, LLC
Rock Creek Livestock Market

Foundation Simmental Classes
Brookwood Farms
Diamond K Simmentals
Hilbrands Cattle Company
Krueger Simmental
Legacy Cattle Co.
Marthaler Cattle Co.
Pit-Stop Acres
St. Germain Simmentals

Hereford Classes
Minnesota Jr. Hereford Breeders

Limousin Classes
Crazy Woman Creek Limousin
Duff Limousin
Herman Farms
Little Prairie Limousin
Lyon River Front Farm
Marthaler Cattle Company

Maine Anjou Classes
Arett Family Livestock
County Road Cattle
Brian & Paula Fox
Heideman Show Cattle
Neil Meincke
Olson Cattle Co.
Thorson Cattle Co.

Market Heifer Class
North Star Point Series

Miniature Hereford Classes
Hoban Miniature Herefords

Prospect and Market Classes
Show Stopper Equipment

Red Angus Classes
Berg Family Red Angus
Bjorklund Farms
Grinager Farms
Koedam Cattle Company
Nelson Red Angus
NGN Red Angus
Nordlund Stock Farm
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Bollum Shorthorns
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Minnesota Junior Shorthorn Association
Molitor Shorthorns
Nip-n-Tuc Cattle Company
Tramm's Shorthorns
Walnut Creek Cattle Co.
Wildwood Farm

Shorthorn Plus Classes
Auburnview Farms
Bar N Cattle Company
Barrett Stock Farm
Big Gain
Dressen Family Shorthorns
Minnesota Shorthorn Lassies
In memory of Leighton Hugoson
Washington Lake Cattle Company

Simmental Classes
ARH Cattle
Circle S Cattle Company
Diamond K Simmentals
Double E Simmentals
Double E Simmentals
Hawkins Cattle
Hecksel Simmental Farms
Herman Farms
Legacy Cattle Co.
Oak Meadow Farms
Stevens Cattle Co.
Strandberg Cattle Company
Thome Cattle

South Devon Classes
Badeland Cattle Co./Ken Bade
Kelm Family
K&M Cattle
KNN Farms

BREED CHAMPION HEIFER
All Other Breeds:
Images Embroidery

Angus
Curt and Kim Miner

British White Park
American British White Park Association

Charolais & Charolais Composite
Minnesota/Wisconsin Charolais Association

Commercial
Central Livestock Albany

Foundation Simmental
Hilbrands Simmentals

Hereford
Minnesota Junior Hereford Breeders

Limousin
Wulf Cattle

Maine Anjou
Mente Cattle Co.

Miniature Hereford
Lakes Area Herefords

Red Angus
Minnesota Red Angus Association

Shorthorn
Minnesota Shorthorn Association

Shorthorn Plus
Stade Cattle Company

Simmental
Peine Cattle Company

South Devon
Northern States South Devon Association

BREED CHAMPION PROSPECT STEER
All Other Breeds:
TBA

Angus
Autumn Star Ranch

British White Park
American British White Park Association

Charolais
Minnesota/Wisconsin Charolais Association

Crossbred
Netzke Show Cattle & Pesek Cattle Farm

Hereford
Minnesota Junior Hereford Breeders

Limousin
Jerry Wulf

Maine Anjou
Eastview Maines

Miniature Hereford
Sandy Acres

Red Angus
Minnesota Red Angus Association

Shorthorn
Scott Bayerl Family Farm,
Stark Family Shorthorns & Wetzel Gopher Ridge Cattle

Shorthorn Plus
TBA

Simmental: Eberspacher Enterprises Inc.

Champion Prospect Heifer
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Class 101

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1009	Gabe Chandler	
1268	Otto Johnson	
1475	Abigail Thelen	
170	Kailey Rauschendorfer	
313	Jack Usher	
369	Konrad Thelemann	
542	Hudson Shores	
660	Grace Molitor	
811	Channing Lind	
9	Hailey Kruisselbrink	

Class 102

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1016	Luke Donnelly	
1270	Nora Johnson	
1481	Oliver Porter	
173	Sophie Zulawski	
316	Olie Usher	
378	Jade Bostrom	
56	Jace Blaeser	
664	Alayna Traut	
826	Mary Foesch	
902	Hazel Thesing	

Class 103

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1105	Kelsey Zimmer	
1297	Jonathan Schaefer	
1490	Kenley Hoover	
178	Annie Carlson	
317	Adam Usher	
391	Ivy Purfeerst	
567	Madelyn Martin	
686	Tom Coonrod	

840	Elsie Schweiss	
903	Kasie Thesing	

Class 104

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1110	Faith Bollum	
1329	Lily Molitor	
1496	Keaton Hunger	
180	Charlie Carlson	
32	Kinslee Hilbrands	
405	Oakley Yarwood	
574	Derek Jopp	
717	Claire Chase	
850	Ava Vergin	
910	John Beissel	

Class 105

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1113	Jacob Sivahop	
1331	Teddy Molitor	
15	Audra Greeno	
212	Liv Larsen	
324	Collin Kutney	
407	Fletcher Owen	
580	Piper Horton	
731	Hailey Larson	
855	Kaden Stevens	
911	Lane Rasmussen	

Class 106

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1115	Isaac Sivahop	
1369	Reino Wayrynen	
1507	Carly Fellbaum	
235	Tucker Herrick	
325	Deklan Kutney	
486	Cash Grinager	

583	Sophie Haugen	
746	Ellie Adams	
865	Clare Hawkins	
922	Ava Yost	

Class 107

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1150	Madilynn Finnesgard	
1391	Raelyn Werner	
1509	Brayden Fellbaum	
238	Emery Maddock	
332	Stryker Busse	
495	Macy Dicke	
590	Josie Hecht	
748	Eleanor Kasper	
866	Chesney Marthaler	
930	Triggs Taylor	

Class 108

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1162	Haven Cleveringa	
1393	Davis Aggen	
1553	Bryleigh Hodapp	
24	Case Pressnall	
342	Brynlee Shores	
517	Kate Walcheski	
593	Georgia Hecht	
785	Braxton Schoenfeld	
868	Brooks Marthaler	
984	Sawyer Anderson	

Class 109

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1249	REED RUGRODEN	
1427	Jameson Topp	
156	Cash Faulhaber	
244	Memphis Plamann	

350	Adalyn Bedtke	
533	Colton Schmidt	
6	Miliana Zack	
792	Liam Lacher	
873	Nora Weidert	

Class 110

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1265	Evan Johnson	
1458	Kinsley Lorentz	
166	Caleb Hawkins	
3	Quinn Skroch	
351	Cullen Bedtke	
535	Cayden Schmidt	
642	Abigail Roehl	
805	Liam Clabots	
878	Tyson Eischen	
989	Saphira Stang	

Overall Champion - Ages 7 to 10

Number	Exhibitor Name	Placing
		1st
		2nd
		3rd
		4th
		5th

Class 301

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
101	Paisley Olson	
1186	emily juenke	
1299	Elizabeth Schaefer	
1441	Dylan Sheehan	
165	Andrew Hawkins	
338	Logan Thoele	
500	Trevin Dicke	
66	Mackenzie Sowada	
822	Bella Raths	
924	Dominic Yost	

Class 302

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1013	Tilly Chandler	
1191	Jaysa O'Connor	
130	Roman Schwab	
1479	Avery Porter	
167	Emma Hawkins	
354	Taylor Lang	
508	Ryan Harguth	
677	Aubree Byker	
834	Justin Klejeski	
946	Mason Olson	

Class 303

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1036	Addie Ketchum	
1204	Jett Smith	
1322	Raylee Kouba	
1503	Bristol Osborn	
214	Layden Larsen	
45	Madelyn Kruger	
519	Ryan Walcheski	
728	Aletta Larson	

844	Lauren Chan	
953	Ava Resler	

Class 304

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1084	Rohan Kuschel	
1219	Lucy Wachholz	
1379	Aubrey DeFrang	
152	Layne Faulhaber	
258	Payton Foster	
454	Triston Latzke	
552	Blake Stark	
741	Emery Marthaler	
870	Camille Marshik	
98	Caden Hawkins	

Class 305

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1117	Carter Sivahop	
1236	Briella Bryce	
1382	Aubrey Nagler	
1520	Katie Johnson	
265	Olivia DeVos	
461	Veronica Rypka	
570	Julianna Martin	
742	Levi Marthaler	
876	Owen Eischen	
985	Naomi Radaich	

Class 306

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1152	Reid Finnesgard	
1247	Bill Stockman	
1398	Cash Becker	
1536	Kelsey Schmitt	
267	Louis DeVos	
468	Logan Oistad	

61	Landon Hass	
743	Liah Adams	
893	Eric Larson	
990	Taylor Laufenberg	

Class 307

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1158	Ezekiel Dillon	
1253	Kyleigh Campbell	
1410	Brittney Wolff	
1549	Bowde Sonnenberg	
269	Quinleigh Raether	
472	Jezlyn Finseth	
613	Audrey Hendricksen	
776	Ruby Heeter	
899	Dylan Larson	

Class 308

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1161	Kason Van Briesen	
1271	Landon offord	
1432	Declan Hoffman	
1556	Payton Hodapp	
290	Jorja Holm	
492	Finley Hollnagel	
652	Lane Foster	
787	Colton Schoenfeld	
904	Rita Thesing	
997	Brayden Ihrke	

Overall Champion - Ages 13 & 14

Number	Exhibitor Name	Placing
		1st
		2nd
		3rd
		4th
		5th

Class 501

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1062	Shelbie Anderson	
1170	Kallie Andersen	
1341	Vivian Johnson	
1461	Mya Moore	
192	Shelby Milbrath	
36	Josephyne Kraklau	
597	Keaton Nelson	
69	Rylee Schaufler	
84	Olivia Matchey	

Class 502

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
107	Daniel Sipe	
1207	Megan Fellbaum	
1351	Simon Brand	
1477	Bailey Porter	
205	Jaxon Hilbrands	
436	Cayden Goslee	
616	Sadie Wagner	
752	Noah Kasper	
860	Cooper Gott	

Class 503

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1088	Addie Scheurer	
1239	Brenden Bryce	
1387	Grace Nagler	
1498	Macy Hunger	
22	Carlie Rosekrans	
456	Justine Anderson	
622	Kyndra Otto	
759	Breana Blanch	
888	Nolan Hackett	

Class 504

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1123	Abby Kryzer	
1245	George Stockman	
144	Kendra Reed	
1524	Charli Gjemse	
251	Morgan Morrow	
466	Leah Oistad	
647	MaKel Plenge	
798	Kaylee Sammon	
895	Ava Larson	

Class 505

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1141	Darby Trent	
1251	Brianna Campbell	
1452	Kayden Hockerman	
1530	Josie Larum	
296	Lily Huppert	
530	Addison Kelm	
670	Olivia Loncorich	
829	Luke Foesch	
897	Aubrey Riewer	

Class 506

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1155	Wyatt Finnesgard	
1289	Edward Winters	
1453	Liv Lucas	
1559	Isabella Langness	
302	Lydia Rose	
547	Cody Ostertag	
685	Mallie Coonrod	
838	Amelia Tersteeg	
921	Alison George	
981	Braxton Kauth	

Overall Champion - Ages 17 & 18

Number	Exhibitor Name	Placing
		1st
		2nd
		3rd
		4th
		5th