Ring 2: Showmanship

25TH MINNESOTA BEEF EXPO

Ages 11 & 12
Ages 15 & 16
Ages 19-22

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
ShowRite and Hubbard Feeds, Inc.
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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
Katie Judd-Landrum
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
Hartwig Sisters
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
Weber Land and Cattle

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Shorthorn Classes
Bollum Shorthorns
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Dave Lowe
Fitzgerald Family Farm
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
Ag Partners

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Supreme Champion Market
Big Gain

Reserve Supreme Champion Market
Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association

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Class 201

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1011	Harper Chandler	
1176	Croix Severson	
133	Scarlett Schwab	
1438	Kayla Sheehan	
279	Tenley Dorn	
393	Leo Purfeerst	
521	Caylee Walcheski	
791	Emma Lacher	
901	Coy Thesing	
956	Aaliyah Lindemann	

Class 202

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1014	Madelyn Donnelly	
1178	Cora Severson	
1333	Charlie Molitor	
1514	Gabriella Wantoch	
28	Kalle Cervin	
444	Madison Wulf	
527	Owen Kelm	
796	Brentley Sammon	
908	Lily Beissel	
962	Payslee Correll	

Class 203

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1028	Peyton Bigalk	
1190	grady JUENKE	
1394	Eliza Aggen	
1546	Brian Sonnenberg	
300	Gemma Mueller	
460	Georgie Rypka	
657	Trent Mackenthun	
807	Tate Lind	

916	Kyle Rasmussen	

Class 204

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1030	Sully Rickford	
1242	Jake Redalen	
1397	Lawsen Becker	
1551	Benet Sonnenberg	
304	Kathryn Rose	
488	Payson Grinager	
666	Makayla Traut	
816	Paige Charchenko	
933	Jace Taylor	

Class 205

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1048	Jora Heiden	
1254	Samantha Emerson	
1415	Emma Lemke	
182	Graham Carlson	
320	Kathryn Kutney	
489	Kolt Grinager	
672	Frances Rudnitski	
823	Claire Demenge	
936	Britta Schmidt	

Class 206

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1064	Isabelle Hoppe	
1277	Savannah James	
1425	Jackson Topp	
225	Beckett Bohlinger	
330	Eleanor Behrendt	
497	Abby Dicke	
715	Paisley Schauer	
836	Jordan Klejeski	
948	Mak Pesek	

Class 207

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
108	Violet Jewison	
1301	Sam Schaefer	
1426	Josie Topp	
237	Aubrey Maddock	
366	Madelyn Thelemann	
5	Cheyenne Zack	
734	Brantley Larson	
846	Leah Chan	
95	Logan Hawkins	

Class 208

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1112	Lane Bollum	
1327	Jacob Beissel	
1429	Bayleigh Schnell	
256	Parker Foster	
373	Harbour Bostrom	
505	Emily Harguth	
784	Noah Gillis	
853	Brooke Mellies	
950	Addison Resler	
996	Blake Ihrke	

Overall Champion - Ages 11 & 12

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

Class 401

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
100	Weston Hawkins	
1095	Sophia Brummond	
128	Lincoln Lunning	
1486	Lyla Bothe	
163	Connor Hawkins	
361	Jade Twedt	
604	Lillian Johnson	
704	Myles Goettl	
83	Catherine Kampa	

Class 402

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1022	Lila Bigalk	
111	Oriana Jewison	
1303	Regan Nordling	
1489	Hannah Hansen	
247	Brooke Morrow	
375	Paige Bostrom	
606	Hunter Rubich	
711	Colton Herman	
879	Sophia Liebl	

Class 403

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1025	James Bigalk	
1134	Avah Walzak	
1344	Addysyn Goldsmith	
1494	Riley Bungum	
249	Landon Gilson	
384	Maggie Paulson	
624	Jake Snyder	
72	Ty Rangaard	
885	Scott Swanek	

Class 404

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1041	Taylor Larsen	
1174	Chase Prindle	
1381	Braylen Defrang	
150	Lydia Faulhaber	
275	Cooper Dorn	
408	Avery Nelson	
628	Taylor Reed	
721	Schuyler Sullivan	
891	Cora Mayer	

Class 405

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1045	Archer Heiden	
1211	Joseph Hanfler	
1399	Lylah Becker	
1501	Nolan Hunger	
284	Avery Kohls	
433	Connor Goslee	
635	Maddie Holtz	
724	Kinsley Trump	
926	Elijah Yost	

Class 406

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
106	Stella Jones	
1226	Andrew Scheel	
1405	Morgan Herrman	
1512	Brenna Thorson	
293	Amber Maier	
447	Samantha Bender	
64	Emily Hass	
750	Brayden Munnikuysen	
955	Avery Stark	

Class 407

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1066	Abigayle Hoppe	
1228	Allyson Gustafson	
1430	Kaylee Schnell	
1518	Bryce Laufenberg	
322	Aiden Kutney	
513	Hailey Tenold	
659	Riley Rickford	
778	Jack Heeter	
965	Cayden Cairns	

Class 408

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1070	Hailey Levos	
1230	Will Balogh	
1447	Garrett Mills	
1538	Katelyn Barnes	
336	Hailey Thoele	
539	Landon Schaudenecker	
676	Kaitlyn Byker	
780	Emma Gillis	
975	Kelly Willegal	

Class 409

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1072	Paysli Weltzheimer	
1256	Alison Emerson	
1465	Taylorann Ruskanen	
1544	Wyatt Tucker	
345	Cally Hansen	
578	Breckyn Horton-Schumann	
699	Katelynn Vine	
803	Brooklyn Clabots	
987	isabella Stang	

Overall Champion - Ages 15 & 16

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

Class 601

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1033	Shayler Van Gelder	
1136	Kylee McMullen	
1260	Brianna Michels	
1421	Cora Capatske	
1542	Evan Thune	
348	Ethan Neumann	
439	Ally Kilker	
576	Nate Crouch	
77	Taylor Ford	
944	Mitchell Olson	

Class 602

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1059	Madison Anderson	
1138	Paige McMullen	
1318	Jack Kouba	
1455	Josie Lorentz	
208	Jazlynn Hilbrands	
381	Madison Mattson	
446	Cailey Diercks	
602	Isaac Swenson	
772	Ann Holmes	

Class 603

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1068	Mackenzie Levos	
1142	Julia Lyons	
1358	Ellie Dukowitz	
1468	Jadyn White	
227	Lanae Elbers	
389	Lilly Ostlie	
523	Emma Walcheski	
689	Lydia Coonrod	
800	Bridget Weese	

Class 604

Number	Exhibitor Name	Called Back
1082	Mackenzie Erickson	
1209	Paige Fellbaum	
1403	Jenna Herrman	
1470	Madison Browen	
26	Bella Pressnall	
430	Mikayla Skiba	
543	Brennir Peterson	
690	Charlie Friemann	
848	Kira Vergin	
973	Sidney Erickson	

Overall Champion - Ages 19 to 21

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