

DEPARTMENT "A-1" –OPEN MARKET BEEF CATTLE

Premiums offered - \$3,710.00

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Market Beef Cattle entry fees - \$10.00 per entry

Stall fees - \$5.00 per animal

Open Market Beef Cattle Show: Saturday, July 18, 2026, following the Open Breeding Beef Cattle Show

1. All exhibitors must familiarize themselves with all rules listed in the Open Class Show General Rules and Regulations and with all Health rules listed in the Open Class Livestock Health Rules and Regulations.
2. **Entries**
 - a. Mailed entries must be postmarked by midnight on Monday, July 6, 2026.
 - b. Mail entries to: RICO Fair, 4200 Archer Drive, East Moline, IL 61244.
 - c. Online entries must be time-stamped by midnight on Wednesday, July 8, 2026.
 - d. Online entries may be made at www.rockislandfair.org
 - e. Late fees will apply to any entries made between Wednesday, July 8, at midnight and Monday, July 13, at noon. No entries will be accepted after Monday, July 13, at noon.
3. **Requirements**
 - a. Health papers are required for all livestock entries.
 - b. Please note check-in and check-out dates in accordance with the Illinois Department of Agriculture 72 Hour Rule.
4. **Check-in / Weigh-in**
 - a. Thursday, July 16, 2026. 2 – 4:30 pm
 - b. Registration papers must be presented at weigh-in.
 - c. Heifers will be checked for tattoos and health papers at scales
5. **Show**
 - a. Crossbreed steers will be divided as equally as possible into weight classes.
 - i. If there are 10 or more entries in any one class, the classes may be adjusted by the Superintendent.
 - b. Registered cattle must be shown in a breed class if available and may not be shown in Crossbreed or All Other Breeds classes.
 - c. Simmentals must be $\frac{3}{4}$ blood or more; if not, it must be shown in All Other Breeds, Class 4
6. **Release**
 - a. 3:00 p.m., Saturday, July 18, 2026.
7. **General**
 - a. No tie-outs before 6:00 p.m.
 - b. Livestock trailers must be parked along the North fence of the grass parking area, behind Kunes Ford of East Moline.
 - i. NO livestock trailers will be allowed near barns or in the campground.
 - c. All premium checks will be released for pick-up after 3:00 p.m., Saturday, July 18, 2026.
 - i. Checks may be picked up at the RICO Fair office, located in the Copeland Center.
 - ii. All checks must be cashed within 90 days from issue.
 - iii. A signature is required to receive premium monies.
 - iv. Checks not picked up will be mailed.

DO NOT ENTER ANY CHAMPION CLASSES

Judging Order for 2026: Simmental, Crossbreed, Angus, All other breeds, Shorthorn, Hereford, and Miniature Hereford

LOT #	PUREBRED MARKET STEERS	CLASS 1				
250.	Hereford	\$80	\$70	\$60	\$50	\$40
251.	Champion Hereford	\$30 & ribbon				
252.	Reserve Champion Hereford	\$20 & ribbon				
253.	Simmental (Must be ¾ blood)	\$80	\$70	\$60	\$50	\$40
254.	Champion Simmental	\$30 & ribbon				
255.	Reserve Champion Simmental	\$20 & ribbon				
256.	Angus	\$80	\$70	\$60	\$50	\$40
257.	Champion Angus	\$30 & ribbon				
258.	Reserve Champion Angus	\$20 & ribbon				
259.	Shorthorn	\$80	\$70	\$60	\$50	\$40
260.	Champion Shorthorn	\$30 & ribbon				
261.	Reserve Champion Shorthorn	\$20 & ribbon				
262.	All other Registered Breeds	\$80	\$70	\$60	\$50	\$40
263.	Champion AOB	\$30 & ribbon				
264.	Reserve Champion AOB	\$20 & ribbon				
265.	Miniature Hereford	\$80	\$70	\$60	\$50	\$40
266.	Champion Miniature Hereford	\$30 & ribbon				
267.	Reserve Champion Miniature Hereford	\$20 & ribbon				

LOT #	CROSSBRED MARKET STEERS	CLASS 2				
268.	Entry Number for all Crossbred Market Steers					
269.	Crossbreed Light	\$80	\$70	\$60	\$50	\$40
270.	Crossbreed Medium	\$80	\$70	\$60	\$50	\$40
271.	Crossbreed Medium Heavy	\$80	\$70	\$60	\$50	\$40
272.	Crossbreed Heavy	\$80	\$70	\$60	\$50	\$40
273.	Champion Crossbred	\$30 & ribbon				
274.	Reserve Champion Crossbred	\$20 & ribbon				

LOT #	CHAMPION DRIVE	CLASS 3				
275.	Grand Champion Market Beef	\$250.00 and Banner				
276.	Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef	\$110.00 and Banner				
277.	3 rd Overall Market Beef	Banner				
278.	4 th Overall Market Beef	Banner				
279.	5 th Overall Market Beef	Banner				