



MI SHOWS is a youth program that recognizes Michigan's youth beef exhibitors through sanctioned steer and heifer shows that include showmanship and educational contests and activities. 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 Extra Mile contests and activities.

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, 2024, but not older than 21 as of January 1, 2024 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 1/1/24) or oldest (21 yrs. as of 1/1/24) 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 BEFORE the exhibitor's first sanctioned show. Exhibitors with pending papers will only have showmanship points counted until originals are received.
4. **Showman App Online entries – MI SHOWS will be using the Showman App to enter the MI SHOWS points program. The Showman app will also track all the shows and all the points for the 2023-2024 MI SHOWS show season. All sanctioned MI SHOWS shows will be using the Showman app for entries in each show.**
5. MI BRED Division – To be entered in this division the animal will have to be nominated by the breeder. There will be a \$25 nomination fee paid by the breeder that must accompany the MI Bred Affidavit and MI SHOWS entry. **Only accepted through a separate online portal.** (The \$25 MI SHOWS entry fee still applies. Total entry would be \$50)
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 March 1, 2024**
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 and must have registration papers in the breed entered in MI SHOWS. Commercial Heifers, market heifers and crossbred steers are not eligible for Bred & Owned awards.
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

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: 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

Charolais (purebred) Heifers & Steers **Charolais Composite** Heifers & Steers

Limousin Heifers & Steers

Red Angus Heifers & Steers

Purebred Simmental steers

Percentage **Simmental** steers (less than ½)

Maine Heifers & Steers (75%- Maine Registration Papers (Brown)

Percentage **Shorthorn** heifers (less than ½ shorthorn)

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

Commercial Heifers – Any heifer not able to be registered.

Crossbred Steers – Any steer not able to be registered.

MI SHOWS will review breed divisions every 3 years to determine if the breed will show in the AOB division or in the breed division based on the entries that show at least 4 MI SHOWS sanctioned shows.

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, commercial 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. Showmanship Divisions & Age breaks
 - SENIOR – 18-21 as of January 1, 2024
 - INTERMEDIATE – 15-17 as of January 1, 2024
 - JUNIOR – 12-14 as of January 1, 2024
 - BEGINNER – 8-11 as of January 1, 2024
19. 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.
20. Breeding heifers must be born after 9/1/22. Market animals must be born in 2023.

21. Any protest regarding 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.
22. Conduct. Any unsportsmanlike conduct or misrepresentation on the part of a MI SHOWS exhibitor, parent or board member will not be tolerated. All exhibitors are always expected to be cooperative and courteous. If a MI SHOWS exhibitor, parent, board member 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.
23. 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.
24. 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.
25. For the 2023-24 MI SHOWS show season MI SHOWS will waive the \$50 sanction fee. All shows must be registered with MI SHOWS by November 1, 2023. All the show information will need to be listed on the website and on the Showman App website by November 1, 2023.
26. 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
27. 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 November 1, 2023. The awards presentation exact date and time to be determined.
28. MI SHOWS does not govern sanctioned shows. The show must uphold its 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 website for an updated list of sanctioned shows.

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 Extra Mile division and Top Animals in each breed in both market animals and heifers.
4. Premier exhibitor awards are calculated using the exhibitors top 6 Extra Mile points, the top 8 shows for up to 4 animals and the top 8 showmanship shows.
5. Each animal entered in MI SHOWS must be exhibited in at least 4 shows to be eligible for yearend awards.
6. The exhibitor's animal's top points from not more than 8 shows will be used for the yearend totals.
7. 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.
8. Points shall be earned on the following basis:

Market Animals & Heifers:

For shows less than 100 head:

Class placing:

- 1st place = number of head in class x 4
- 2nd place = number of head in class x 3
- 3rd place = number of head in class x 2
- 4th 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.

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

Overall Reserve Champion = 35 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 101 - 200 head:

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 = 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.

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 400 head:

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 = 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.

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 400 head:

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 = 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.

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)

9. All points recorded for a class are based on the actual number of cattle that enter the show ring for that particular class.
10. 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.
11. **SHOWMANSHP** points shall be earned on the following basis:

For shows less than 74 exhibitors

Points will be given for the top 5 showman in each age division –

Champion Showman - 40 pts.

Reserve Showman - 35 pts.

3rd Overall Showman - 30 pts.

4th Overall Showman - 25 pts.

5th Overall Showman - 20 pts.

Exhibitors that make the cut in showmanship 10 pts.

All exhibitors who show in showmanship – but don't make the cut 5 pts.

For shows less than 75-149 exhibitors

Points will be given for the top 5 showman in each age division –

Champion Showman- 50 pts.

Reserve Showman - 45 pts.

3rd Overall Showman - 40 pts.

4th Overall Showman - 35 pts.

5th Overall Showman- 30 pts.

Exhibitors that make the cut in showmanship 10 pts.

All exhibitors who show in showmanship – but don't make the cut 5 pts.

For shows greater than or equal to 150 exhibitors

Points will be given for the top 10 showman in each age division –

Champion Showman - 60 pts

Reserve Showman - 55 pts.

3rd Overall Showman - 50 pts.

4th Overall showman - 45 pts.

5th Overall Showman - 40 pts.

6th Overall Showman - 37 pts.

7th Overall Showman - 34 pts.

8th Overall Showman - 31 pts.

9th Overall Showman- 28 pts.

10th Overall Showman - 25 pts.

Exhibitors that make the cut in showmanship 15 pts.

All exhibitors who show in showmanship – but don't make the cut 5 pts.

12. EXTRA MILE Division -

- a. Extra Mile points will count from 3 MI SHOWS sanctioned shows – MI SHOWS Fall Kickoff, Michigan Winter Classic, Michigan Beef Expo and online options. Each show sets their own guidelines.
- b. Extra Mile activities will include photography, essays, poster, graphic design, speech, livestock judging and skill-a-thon. Each show will offer a variety of these contests.
- c. We will be offering a variety of other educational activities. These will be offered throughout the MI SHOWS show season. Please watch Facebook for these activities and due dates. Some activities will only have participation points. They will not be judged and placed.
- d. Extra Mile 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.
- e. The top 6 Extra Mile activity points will be used toward the total points for Premier Exhibitor.

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

13. In the case of a tie – all ties will be broken using Extra Mile activities completed.

14. MI BRED Division – To be entered in this division the animal will have to be nominated by the breeder. There will be a \$25 nomination fee paid by the breeder that must accompany the MI Bred Affidavit and MI SHOWS entry. (The \$25 MI SHOWS entry fee still applies. Total entry would be \$50). The MI Bred Affidavit will need to be uploaded through a separate online portal.
 - a. The same rules apply that all entries must be complete before the exhibitor starts earning points. The MI BRED Affidavit and fee will need to be completed before the animals' points count.
 - b. The breeder will be recognized at the MI SHOWS awards presentation as well as on the website.
 - c. Any breeder who is a Diamond sponsor or higher will get MI BRED nominations included in their sponsorship.
 - d. At the year-end awards the Top MI BRED animals (heifers and market animals) will be awarded MI SHOWS awards as well as a percentage of the monies collected from the nominations.

15. Premier Exhibitor – To qualify a participant must have completed a minimum of 6 Extra MILE activities. Points from these 6 activities plus the top 8 shows from each animal entered, as well as showmanship points will be tallied to determine the winner.



2022/23 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.

Breeder's 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.

Exhibitor's 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.**