



Needville Youth Fair 2026 Steer Rules

Chairman: Brian Meuth – (832) 435-5245
Vice Chairman: John West – (979) 292-6423
Judge: Tar Tut

Key Dates

Event	Date	Time
Online Entry Deadline	Saturday, January 3, 2026	
Tag-In	Saturday, January 10, 2026	7:30 – 9:00 a.m.
Check-In	Thursday, April 30, 2026	4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Steer Show	Friday, May 1, 2026	30 minutes after Swine Show

Rules & Regulations

1. General Compliance

- All exhibitors must comply with the Needville Youth Fair General Rules.

2. Tag-In Requirements

- Tag-in will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2026, from 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.
- All steers will be nose printed at tag-in. Family tagging is allowed per General Rule 9.

3. Check-In & Weigh-In

- At official check-in on April 30, 2026, each steer must weigh a minimum of 900 pounds.
- A 15-pound variance is permitted.
- Each exhibitor may bring only one (1) steer to official check-in.

4. Grooming & Hair Length

- All steers must be slick shorn. Hair may not exceed ¼ inch in length on any part of the body, excluding the tail switch.

- Exhibitors found with excess hair will be disqualified and must remove the steer from NYF grounds within one hour of check-in.
- No touching up or re-clipping will be allowed after check-in.

5. Class Divisions

- Steers may be divided into up to three (3) weight classes for judging purposes.

6. Sale Order & Lots

- Fifteen (15) steers will qualify for the sale.
- Sale order will be determined by the judge following selection of Grand and Reserve Champions.

7. Rate of Gain Award

- The exhibitor whose steer has the best rate of gain will receive a special award.

8. Exhibitor Responsibilities

- Exhibitors must maintain control of their steers at all times during check-in, showing, and sale.
- Steers must walk through the auction portion of the show. Failure to do so results in a non-sale classification.
- Steers must be secured with a neck rope while in the stall area.

9. Buyer Restrictions

- Auction buyers shall not be approached by anyone to buy back or be asked that their animal be donated back to the exhibitor.

10. Final Authority

- All decisions made by the Division Chairman and/or Vice Chairman are final.