



The MI SHOWS is a youth program coordinated by the Michigan Jr. Livestock Society that recognizes Michigan's youth beef exhibitors through sanctioned steer and heifer shows that include showmanship and educational competitions. Youth who participate in the sanctioned shows earn points for their placing. Points are tracked for market animals (owned and bred & owned), heifers (owned and bred & owned), showmanship and educational contests.

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 nine years old by January 1, 2015, but not older than 21 as of January 1, 2015 are eligible to participate in the program.
2. To participate, exhibitors must pay a \$25 per head entry fee. This is a one-time fee for the show season. Each participant must complete the nomination form and the form needs to be returned before the participant's first sanctioned show. A copy of the registration paper needs to be sent in with the nomination form.
3. Each participant can enter up to 4 animals.
4. 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.
5. All animals entered in the 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.
6. Animals that are eligible for Bred & Owned points must be Bred & Owned by the youth exhibitor.
7. Animals will be shown by breed –
 - a. Heifers - Angus, Chi, Hereford, Limousin, Maine, Mainetainer, Shorthorn, Shorthorn Plus, Simmental, AORB, Commercial. Commercial heifers will not be able to compete for bred & owned points.
 - b. Market Animals – Angus, Chi, Hereford, Limousin, Maine, Maintainer, Shorthorn, Shorthorn Plus, Simmental, AORB, market heifers and Crossbred. Crossbred steers and market heifers will not be able to compete for bred & owned points.
8. Dual registered cattle will only get one set of points per show.
9. Purebred steers and heifers will be recorded by bred registration number and tattoo. Crossbred steers, crossbred heifers and market heifers will be recorded by a RFID tag.
10. Showmanship will be offered at every MI SHOWS sanctioned show. Exhibitors must show their own animal in showmanship.

11. 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 be disqualified and will lose all points for that animal during the show.
12. Breeding heifers must be born after 9/1/13. Market animals must be born in 2014.
13. Protests 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. Protests will be handled by the MI SHOWS committee.
14. Conduct. Any unsportsmanlike conduct or misrepresentation on the part of a MI SHOWS exhibitor will not be tolerated. All exhibitors are expected to be cooperative and courteous at all times.
15. All sanctioned shows must be open to anyone in the state of Michigan.
16. All shows must include breed classes for breeds listed in Rule 6. If there are not at least 3 animals in one breed, then that breed will show in the AORB. Points would still be determined by placing in the class.
17. All sanctioned shows must select the top 5 market animals and the top 5 heifers. They don't have to award any prizes, but for points totals this is necessary.
18. Sanctioned shows are required to submit a deposit of \$50 to the MI SHOWS upon sanctioning. \$25 of this deposit will be refunded if the show turns in their show results within one week of the shows completion.

MI SHOWS Points System

1. Total points will be kept for each individual exhibitor and their animals.
2. Winners will be determined for both steers and heifers in each of the following categories: Angus, Chi, Hereford, Limousin, Maine, Mainetainer, Shorthorn, Shorthorn Plus, AORB, Commercial, Market heifer and Crossbred steer.
3. Exhibitors must exhibit at 3 shows to receive the year-end awards.
4. 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.
5. Points shall be earned on the following basis:

# Exhibited in Class	Class Placing				
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
1	5				
2-3	10	5			
4-5	15	10	5		
6-10	20	15	10	5	
11 or more	25	20	15	10	5

6. All MI SHOWS shows must select champions and reserves for each breed, as well as the Top 5 Market animals and the Top 5 heifers.
 - a. Points for these animals will be awarded as follows:
 - i. 1st Overall will earn 30 points, and their class points will be replaced with the 1st place points of the largest class of the day.
 - ii. 2nd Overall will earn 25 points, and their class points will be replaced with the 1st place points of the largest class of the day.
 - iii. 3rd Overall will earn 20 points, and their class points will be replaced with the 1st place points of the largest class of the day.

- iv. 4th Overall will earn 15 points, and their class points will be replaced with the 1st place points of the largest class of the day.
 - v. 5th Overall will earn 10 points, and their class points will be replaced with the 1st place points of the largest class of the day.
 - vi. All breed champions will earn 5 points and their class points will be replaced with the 1st place points of the largest class of the day.
 - vii. All breed reserve champions will earn 3 points and their class points will be replaced with the 1st place points of the largest class of the day.
7. Top 5 animals will earn both Overall points and breed champion points if they are the breed champion.
8. All points recorded in a class are based on the actual number of cattle that enter the show ring for that particular class.
9. Showmanship shall be earned on the following basis:
 - a. Each participate in showmanship will receive 5 pts.
10. Additional points will be given for the top 2 showman in each age division –
 - a. Champion Showman additional 20 pts.
 - b. Reserve Showman additional 15 pts.
11. Each educational contest participant that is entered in MI SHOWS will receive 5 pts. The first place winner in each age division will received an extra 20 pts., the 2nd place winner will received an extra 15 pts., and 3rd place will receive an extra 10 pts.
12. In order for a participant to be eligible for the Premier Exhibitor award they will have to had participated in at least 4 educational contests.
13. The top 2 educational contest scores for an exhibitor from each show will be used for the Premier Exhibitor award point total.
14. Educational contests include – skill-a-thon, photography, essay, poster, graphic design, speech, and livestock judging

MI SHOWS will start at the Michigan Winter Classic in December and continue through the Michigan Beef Showcase in June. The awards presentation will be held during the Michigan Livestock Expo in July. Exact date and time has yet to be determined.