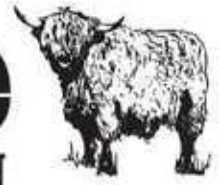


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# North Central Highland Cattle

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## North Central Highland Cattle Regional Show

Super Points Show – September 12-13, 2025

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Mower County Fairgrounds

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Austin, MN 55912

All are invited to the Mower County Fairgrounds, located in Austin, MN, for the North Central Highland Cattle Association Regional Show. The North Central Highland Cattle Association Regional Show is a Super Points show allowing exhibitors to earn extra points toward the AHCA Roll of Excellence program. The junior show will be held Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup> and the open show will be held Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

The fairgrounds are easily accessible off I-90 in south central Minnesota. This show prides itself as being a family oriented show with Junior show, Junior activities, and educational activities. The show venue will offer space for vendors and non-show exhibitors by making room for all Highland cattle breeders and enthusiasts to come and promote their wares in the spacious 100 x 200 foot cattle barn (see registration fees for vendors/non-show exhibitors). The grounds will open for arrival on Thursday, September 11, at 9 am, Junior show sale cattle must be in place by 3pm on Thursday, and sale and open show animals must be in place by 3pm Friday afternoon. For early arrival, please contact Melinda Cowell. **Animals may leave at the conclusion of the open show and must be off the fairgrounds by 11am on Sunday, September 14, 2025.**

Registration and payments must be submitted electronically. The online registration link is <https://showman.app/shows#/> and can be found at [nchca.org](http://nchca.org). If you have any questions contact us at [show@nchca.org](mailto:show@nchca.org).#

### Females of Fall Sale Presented by NCHCA

We have brought the NCHCA Show and Sale together to make this a centerpoint event for the year. If you have never consigned animals to one of the NCHCA sales in the past, we hope you will consider consigning this year. There is a lot of promotion going into this sale to draw quality buyers. Participating in the sale is a great way to grow awareness of your farm and genetics. If you have questions on consigning, you can visit the sale website at [HighlandSale.org](http://HighlandSale.org) or email [sale@nchca.org](mailto:sale@nchca.org).

## Schedule of Events

### Thursday (Junior Show Entries)

- 3:00 pm                   Animals in place (Vet checks at 5:00)
- 5:00 pm                   Vet checks

### Friday:

- All Day                   Food trucks available for breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- **9 am: Junior show**
  - The juniors may show any animal and they do not need to have the animal registered in their name with AHCA. Juniors are permitted to show heifers or steers. Juniors must be registered with AHCA, which is free to all juniors.
  - **If juniors are showing animals from another farm, they must have that animal signed up as part of the junior entries**
- **Junior Showmanship**
  - Immediately following the junior show with four age brackets and a novice division
- **Junior Sovereign Heifer Classes**
- **Junior Market Animal Classes**
- 3:00 pm                   Open Show and Sale Animals in place
- 5:00 pm                   Vet checks for any Friday arrivals

### Saturday:

- All Day                   Food trucks available for breakfast and lunch.
- **9:00 am: Breeding Animal Open Show**
  - Will start with a bagpiper playing as tradition dictates
  - Open show order: **Cow/calf, heifers, bulls, group classes, sovereign heifers**
- **Open Show Market Animal Classes**
  - Jackpot market classes with half of the entry fee going toward the Jackpot for one overall market class winner.
- **15 minute intermission** at the conclusion of the Market Animal Show to allow for juniors to prepare for the costume class
- **Junior Costume Class** following market show. Please stay for some laughs 😊
- **3:00 pm: Females of Fall Sale**
  - The sale will be live in the arena. Get your bidder number early!
- **6:00 pm: Banquet, Awards Ceremony and Live Auction**
  - Historic Hormel House, Austin, MN
  - Buffet dinner. Bar will be open for cocktails.
  - Tickets must be purchased before the Sept 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.
    - Adult (Age 13 and up)     \$50.00
    - Kids (Aged 6 -12)         \$25.00
    - Kids (Aged 5 and under)   \$8.00
    - Please sign up soon to help us plan for numbers

**As in the past, we ask for your generous donations of auction items and award sponsorships.**

**We could not do this without the great volunteers and generous donations. Thank you!**

***We look forward to seeing you at the show!***

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Super Points Show – September 13, 2025

Mower County Fairgrounds, Austin, MN

Classes may be split by birth dates to keep sizes manageable.

## Females

Division 1	Intermediate Heifer Calf born May 1, 2025 to present
Division 2	Junior Heifer Calf born Jan. 1, 2025 - April 30, 2025
Division 3	Senior Heifer Calf born Sept. 1, 2024 - Dec. 31, 2024
Division 4	Intermediate Yearling Heifer born May 1, 2024 - Aug. 31, 2024
Division 5	Junior Yearling Heifer born Jan. 1, 2024 - April 30, 2024
Division 6	Senior Heifer born Jan. 1, 2023 - Dec. 31, 2023

Each division will have a Champion and Reserve Champion selected by our judge. A Grand Champion Female and Reserve Grand Champion Female will be selected from the above classes.

## Cow/Calf

Division 7	Purebred cow/calf pair. Cow must be born Dec. 31, 2023, or prior. Calf must be the cow's natural calf, still nursing, a maximum of 250 days old on show day.
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## Bulls

Division 8	Intermediate Bull Calf born May 1, 2025, to present
Division 9	Junior Bull Calf born Jan. 1, 2025 - April 30, 2025
Division 10	Senior Bull Calf born Sept. 1, 2024 - Dec. 31, 2024
Division 11	Intermediate Yearling Bull born May 1, 2024 - Aug. 31, 2024
Division 12	Junior Yearling Bull born Jan. 1, 2024 - April 30, 2024
Division 13	Senior Bull born Jan 1, 2023 - Dec. 31, 2023

Each division will have a Champion and Reserve Champion selected by our judge. A Grand Champion Bull and Reserve Grand Champion Bull will be selected from the above classes.

## Group Classes

The following classes are not part of the national point show program. Animals entered in these classes must be entered in the show. For classes 14, 15 and 16, offspring need not have the same owner. Write in entries the day of the show will be accepted. Notify the show secretary.

Division 14	Purebred Get of Sire – 3 animals sired by same bull, either sex, any age
Division 15	Purebred Produce of Dam – 2 animals from same dam, either sex, any age
Division 16	Purebred Breeders Herd – 4 animals by one breeder. Need not be the current owner of animals

## Sovereign Females

Sovereign classes are not part of the national point show program.

Division 20	Sovereign Heifer born on or after January 1, 2024
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## Market Animal Classes

The following classes are not part of the national point show program.

Division 1S	Purebred Steer born on or after April 1, 2023
Division 2S	Crossbred Steer born on or after April 1, 2023

## Show Requirements

- 1) Entries must be received by August 31, 2025. **Submission of entries online (including payment) is required.** Cancellations will not be eligible for refund.
- 2) Entry fee is \$40 per animal with initial shavings included. Entry fees for cows with calves at side are also \$40 for the pair. **If calf is shown in another class by itself, an additional fee of \$40 is required.** The entry fee is per animal, whether entered in one or more classes, including the junior show. Payment must be made at time of entry.
- 3) *All animals in the junior show must be in place by 3pm on Thursday. Sale and open show animals must be in place by 3pm on Friday. Exhibitors should have appropriate livestock health papers and cattle ready for inspection by the show veterinarian.*
- 4) Exhibitors must be members in good standing of the American Highland Cattle Association or Canadian Highland Cattle Society.

- 5) All open show breeding animals must be owned by the exhibitor and registered with the American Highland Cattle Association or Canadian Highland Cattle Society prior to participation in the show. **No Pending Animals.**
- 6) Any animals registered in the Junior show must be first entered as an open show entry.
- 7) Registration papers must be presented to show officials or AHCA representatives upon request.
- 8) Tattoos must be legible and correspond to registration papers.
- 9) Exhibitor's number must be worn while showing.
- 10) Exhibitors are required to post a card over each animal stating: Name, registration number, birth date, sire, and dam.
- 11) Use of hormones or steroids in animals exhibited is prohibited.
- 12) Purebred breeding animals may not be dehorned.
- 13) A heifer is defined for sanctioned shows as a female that has not had a calf. A bull is defined for sanctioned shows as an intact male.
- 14) Rule violations will be handled by AHCA, and they reserve the right to refuse any entry application. Each exhibitor also agrees to submit any entries to any inspection deemed necessary.
- 15) Exhibitors agree to abide by the IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) National Code of Show Ring Ethics. **Submitting the entry form signifies that all representatives of the farm agree to this.**
- 16) A calf in the cow/calf class must be the cow's natural calf, still nursing, and a maximum of 250 days old. Both the cow and calf must be registered purebred Highland cattle.
- 17) All bulls 12 months or older must be shown with a nose ring or nose lead. Note: We recommend bulls be experienced with nose ring or nose lead prior to showing the animal.
- 18) All cattle must be double tied in stalls at night with neck ties or straps in addition to halters.
- 19) The exhibitor is responsible for the health of their animals. Please do not bring sick animals to the show. If animals become sick during transport or at the show, please see the show managers for a quarantine area. The Show Committee has the right to call for the services of a veterinarian to treat any animal that is sick or injured if the exhibitor is not available. The fee must be paid by the exhibitor prior to release of the animal.
- 20) Any animal deemed uncontrollable by the Ring Steward will be excused from the show ring.
- 21) The Show Committee reserves the right to remove or release any exhibitor not conducting his or herself in a courteous manner as a member representing the American Highland Cattle Association.
- 22) Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor awards will be given to the breeder or exhibitor who has the highest number of points based on a maximum of the five highest placing animals in the single classes owned by the breeder or exhibitor. Points shall be awarded as follows: 1<sup>st</sup>-5 points, 2<sup>nd</sup>-4 points, 3<sup>rd</sup>- 3 points, 4<sup>th</sup>-2 points, 5<sup>th</sup>-1 point. No points will be awarded for Division or Grand Champions. Only registered pure and crossbred market animals and registered sovereign heifers will count toward the Premier Breeder and Exhibitor awards at ROE shows.
- 23) In the event of joint ownership of an animal, Premier Breeder/Exhibitor points will be given to the farm that entered/exhibited the animal unless specified prior to the start of the show.
- 24) Registered and unregistered market animals (both pure and crossbred) and registered sovereign heifers will be included for the number of animals in a point show.
- 25) Animals in group classes (get of sire, produce of dam, breeders herd, etc.) must be registered purebred Highlands.
- 26) The Show Committee will use reasonable diligence to ensure the safety of the exhibitors after their arrival and placement, but in no case will they be responsible for any loss or damage done to, occasioned by, or arising from any animals or articles on exhibition. The exhibitors shall indemnify the Show Committee, AHCA, NCHCA, Mower County Fair Board and the Fairgrounds, and the Mower County Agricultural Society of all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto. The placing of any exhibits on the show grounds by any and all signifies their agreement to abide by this rule.
- 27) It is neither the desire nor the business of AHCA to act as a showring policeman. It is, however, within the scope of AHCA's responsibilities to maintain the integrity of the breed and its breeders. This includes the promotion of the breed in an attractive public setting by both amateur and professional exhibitors, building camaraderie and participation among owners and enthusiasts, and encouraging the selection of highly productive cattle with attributes of the Highland breed. It is also within the scope of AHCA responsibilities to mediate and ensure the ongoing contentment within its constituency.
- 28) With the continued growth of the North Central Show, please be considerate in keeping the show moving by having animals ready. Also be considerate of limited tie area in the "on deck" area of the show arena.

## Health Requirements

- 1) See information below from the Minnesota Board of Animal Health. For current requirements please go to the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at <http://www.bah.state.mn.us/> and click on import requirements or call them at 651-296-2942.
- 2) **NOTE:** The Minnesota Board of Animal Health is continuing its policy that requires official identification of the animal. Please see the section titled "Official ID for importing cattle and bison into Minnesota" for the official identification options. The show veterinarian will be checking for this and will be tagging any animals that do not meet the requirement. This includes all market animals and applies to animals originating from Minnesota coming to the show. Also recall, the Minnesota Board of Animal Health instituted a permit number policy. This will require your veterinarian to call for a permit number prior to completing the certificate of Veterinarian Inspection form.
- 3) **Minnesota Board of Animal Health**  
See Import regulations- Cattle and Bison (Updated April 18, 2018)  
Cattle and Bison imported into Minnesota must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI), be official identified and have an import permit.  
The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must list the individual identification number of each animal in the consignment, along with the information listed above.  
To request an import permit for cattle entering Minnesota, please call the Minnesota Board of Animal Health main line at 651-296-2942.  
**Information that will be collected and required in order to obtain a free import permit include:**
  - Name, address and telephone number for the veterinarian issuing the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI);
  - The CVI number;
  - Name, address and telephone number of the origin of the cattle;
  - Name address and telephone number for the destination of the cattle (destination refers to the physical location the cattle will be residing at and not a business or home address);
  - The Board will also require information on the type of official identification that has been used on the cattle.

## Exhibition Requirements

- 1) All cattle of all ages and classes entering Minnesota for exhibition purposes require a CVI, official ID and an import permit. **Please indicate these numbers on the registration forms.**
- 2) Cattle originating from parts of Michigan, Montana, Wyoming and Idaho must meet additional import requirements. Call the Board of Animal Health for more information.

## Other Show Information

- 1) Farms are encouraged to promote their farms using farm banners/signs and identify animals. Exhibitors will be judged for the David Larson & Roger Weideman Memorial Herdsmanship traveling trophy for the best exhibitor space and their promotion of the breed including communication to the public.
- 2) **NOTE:** Initial shavings will be provided for bedding for each farm. Additional bags of shavings will be available for a fee. Straw, if desired, should be brought from home or may be available for purchase at Runnings Farm Store in Austin.
- 3) No dogs are allowed on the fairgrounds.
- 4) **Barn must be empty by 11am Sunday, Sept. 14** to allow for cleaning. If you are not present to load your cattle and equipment, cattle will be put in the outside tie-outs and equipment will be moved to the outside of the building.
- 5) Please be respectful of the space and place your garbage in the provided garbage bins.

**Lodging (Please reserve early and ask for the North Central Highland room blocks)**

- **Double Tree** (pool), Austin, MN: 507-433-1000
- **Americinn** (pool) Austin, MN: 507-301-7472
- **Cobblestone Hotel and Suites** (pool), Austin MN: 507-433-9797
- **Days Inn** (no pool), Austin, MN: 507-433-8600

**Camping available on fairgrounds \$35/night; electric hook up, no water, restroom and shower facilities available in show arena. Reserve online on the showman app.**

**Directions to the Fairgrounds**

We recommend taking exit 175 off I-90, no matter which direction you are coming from. Turn onto Oakland Ave. towards town (left if from the east, right if from the west). Take a right at the 2<sup>nd</sup> stop light onto 12<sup>th</sup> St. Turn right into the main entrance for the Mower County Fairgrounds. Go to the stop sign in the fairgrounds and take a right to the barns.

**Thank you to our show committee for making this possible:**

Melinda Cowell – Show manager

Katie Baker Kyle Baker Ginny Green Todd Green Randi Johnson

Michelle LeTourneau....Sharon Lewis Casey Pape Jessie Webb Cindy Weideman

# North Central Highland Cattle Regional Junior Show

## Junior Show

- Participant must be a junior member of AHCA. There is no charge and all you need to do is contact AHCA to request a youth to be a junior member (under 21 years of age based on age as of Jan, 1 2025). Special consideration will be extended for persons with developmental disabilities to show in the junior show through age 26.
- The animal must be a heifer born on or after January 1, 2023, and the animal does not have to be registered in the junior's name for this NCHCA show.
- To become a junior member in NCHCA, complete the membership forms for both North Central and AHCA (available online at nchca.org)
- Showmanship classes will follow the heifer classes – any animal may be shown: bulls under one year of age, steers and heifers.
- A junior's age for showmanship classes is the age as of January 1, 2025.
- Costume class will follow the open show – Use your imagination
- If juniors are showing animals from another farm, they must have that animal signed up as part of the junior entries.

### Junior Show Heifer Classes

Division 1J	Intermediate Heifer Calf born May 1, 2025 to present
Division 2J	Junior Heifer Calf born Jan. 1, 2025 - April 30, 2025
Division 3J	Senior Heifer Calf born Sept. 1, 2024 - Dec. 31, 2024
Division 4J	Intermediate Yearling Heifer born May 1, 2024 - Aug. 31, 2024
Division 5J	Junior Yearling Heifer born Jan. 1, 2024 - April 30, 2024
Division 6J	Senior Heifer born Jan. 1, 2023 - Dec. 31, 2023

A Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from each of the above classes. A Grand Champion Female and Reserve Grand Champion Female Junior Show will be selected from the above classes.

### Sovereign Females

Division 4J	Sovereign Heifer born on or after Jan 1, 2024
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### Market Animal Classes

Division 1JS	Purebred Steer born on or after April 1, 2023
Division 2JS	Crossbred Steer born on or after April 1, 2023

### Youth Showmanship

Any junior may participate in showmanship. They can be children, grandchildren, nieces/nephews, friends or neighbors. Must have animal secured prior to sending in entries.

### **There will be 4 age divisions in showmanship:**

\*Tiny Tot (7 and under)    \*Junior (8-12)                      \*Intermediate (13-17)                      \*Senior (18-21)

**Novice division: For juniors age 8 or older who are in their first or second year showing at the junior's option.**