



Northumberland County Show

Cattle Schedule 2026



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CATTLE SECTION

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CATTLE EXHIBITORS ONLY, SHOWGROUND HOLDING NUMBER
31/348/8010

ARRIVAL OF STOCK

All Cattle must be on the Showground by 8pm on Friday 22nd May 2026.

All livestock to be unloaded in designated area provided by the show

Commercial Beef weigh in **Friday 6pm - 8pm**

Please drive within the speed limit of 5mph with hazard warning lights on whilst delivering stock and driving around the show, please be aware of public/other exhibitors etc. On arrival all passports should be handed to the Cattle Secretary and all entries and substitutions **confirmed before 8pm**.

Chief Cattle Steward: David Carr: 07974 401795

Cattle Section Secretary: Cathy Eales: 07811249978

Cattle entries/enquiries: cattle@northcountysow.co.uk

We realise it is not always possible to provide details of animals to be entered by the closing date. We would ask that you provide the details for known entries as far as possible. Please provide the cattle secretary with the details of animals not previously given on arrival. This also applies to substitutes and class changes.

Exhibitors must enter for the Pair classes at the time of entry.

No children are allowed in the judging rings except for the calf handling & showmanship classes.

The show DOES NOT have exemption from pre-movement testing for cattle entries from Annually Tested herds.

TB Testing: The Show is located in a Low-Risk Area and is a Non-Exempt Show for the purpose of TB Movement requirements. Cattle entries can only be accepted from areas with low risk of TB (4-year testing herds), except with DEFRA approval following a pre-movement test. For more information, please see TB movements applicable to Agricultural Shows on our website at www.northcountysow.co.uk

For our latest Blue Tongue guidelines, please refer to our website – www.northcountysow.co.uk

JUDGING TIMETABLE WILL BE DISPLAYED ON Friday 22nd May 2026

Classes start at **8.30 prompt**.

Beef Interbreed Competition and Beef Young Handlers will follow the Supreme Pedigree Beef Championship

Complimentary Admission Tickets are distributed in accordance with the number of animals entered and not the number of entries made.

Cattle Exhibitor Tickets

Minimum entry fee for admission ticket £16

1 animal = 1 admission ticket and 1 vehicle pass

2 to 4 animals = 2 admission tickets and 1 vehicle pass

5 to 7 animals = 3 admission tickets and 2 vehicle passes

8 or more animals = 4 admission tickets and 2 vehicle passes

Tickets and Vehicle hangers will be posted 2 weeks prior to the show.

All Cattle must be on the Showground by 8pm on Friday 22nd May, entries should be made online or must be received at the Show Office no later than 30th April 2026

GDPR: I give permission for my entry details to be publicised in the Show Catalogue, and Tynedale Agricultural society to hold my details on file to contact me about future events. I understand that I can withdraw my consent at any time by contacting the office direct (01434) 604216

LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

IF ENTRIES IN ANY SECTION ARE LOW, WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO AMALGAMATE CLASSES AND SECTIONS, AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE COMMITTEE IN BOTH THE BEEF AND DAIRY SECTIONS.

FACILITIES ON SITE

There will be catering and bar amenities open until 10pm on Friday 22nd May, catering units will open from 6am on Saturday 23rd May 2026. Toilet and washing facilities will be provided for exhibitors staying on the Friday evening.

PENNING AND WASHING OF STOCK.

Cattle Section Exhibitors are required to book stalls sufficient to accommodate all animals they intend to have forward at the Show, please indicate the number of stalls required on the entry form. All cattle will be stalled under cover and be allotted named stall space. All livestock entered in the competitive classes must remain in the accommodation provided for them in the livestock area. Exhibitors must ensure that their exhibits are securely penned. Washing areas will be provided for cattle. The use of pressure washers by exhibitors will be at the discretion of the Cattle Chief Steward.

Pressure washers can only be used if set to RSPCA requirement.

LIVESTOCK HANDLING

When livestock are taken to a show they are away from their normal farm environment and are exposed to different premises, sights and sounds which can make them potentially less predictable. The handler's skills are paramount in putting them at ease and ensuring they are under control. Consequently livestock should only be moved and shown by competent people who are capable of restraining them. Children under 13 years old should not normally be allowed to handle cattle without close adult supervision. The exhibitor is responsible for ensuring that whoever is handling their animal is competent and has the physical ability to control the animal if required.

GRAND PARADE

The parade of prize-winning Dairy Cattle, Beef Cattle, Heavy Horse, Pigs, Horses, Sheep, Goats and Alpacas will take place at 3:30 in the Main Arena. Exhibitors must ensure that their exhibits are ready for the parade 30 minutes prior to the time shown in the official program. **WHITE COATS** or RELEVANT CLOTHING AND SUITABLE FOOTWEAR **MUST BE** worn by all persons in charge of such exhibits.

It is a condition of entry that all stock handlers and especially children should only handle animals where they have the necessary strength and experience to cope with the said animal. Children must always be under the direct supervision of and accompanied by a competent adult. No child under the age of 13 may lead an animal in the Grand Parade – except entrants in the Junior Handler Classes who must be under the supervision of an adult.

In the event of any Exhibitor or employee refusing to bring their exhibit on parade at the specified time, or in the specified manner when requested by the Stewards to do so, prize money, whether sponsored or not, will be forfeited.

DEPARTURE

In the interests of Health & Safety of the public, stock must not leave the Show before 5.00pm. Livestock cannot be removed earlier without the written consent of the Chief Steward/the Veterinary Officer and the Northumberland County Show Cattle Secretary. Such consent will only be granted under exceptional circumstances. Please keep within the 5mph speed limit on the site.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY SHOW RULES

No overstocking, sealing of teats, taping or additional shaping of udders of cows or heifers in milk is allowed and any animal overstocked may be disqualified at the discretion of the Chief Steward and/or Veterinary Surgeon present. The infusion of drugs in any form or to any part of the animal are not permitted (unless under the strict guidance and permission of the attending Veterinary Surgeon whom is part of the Northumberland County Show Veterinary Staff). The judge may require any animal to be milked out in his presence so that he may form an opinion of the udder after milking.

The Veterinary Surgeon has a right to ask for any quarter of any udder to be drawn at any time to check for the presence of teat sealants or other products.

Cattle lines will be monitored throughout the show by the Chief Steward and the Veterinary Team and full co-operation is expected with any requests made by them to any exhibitor.

Any artificial contrivance or device of any description (this includes filling with air) found on or proved to have been used on any animal at any time whilst that animal is at the showground, either preventing the flow of milk or for any other improper purpose, will disqualify that animal from being awarded a prize, and any prize awarded prior to discovery will be forfeited. The exhibitor or owner of said animal may be prohibited from entering stock for the Northumberland County Show for such a period as the Committee see fit.

The Society will not tolerate the administration to show exhibits of tranquillisers or other drugs which may in any way affect performance of the animal in question to have the effect of making it behave in the show ring in a manner which is not natural. Any person or exhibitor who is found to have administered or permitted the administration of any such tranquilliser or sedative drugs to any animal will be reported to the organising committee and dealt with at their discretion. In the addition the matter will be referred to the appropriate Breed Society or Organisation.

Animals entering the show-ground area, in all respects, are at the risk of the owner.

Tynedale Agricultural Society will not be responsible for any accident which may occur through any animal exhibited, and it shall be a condition of entry that each Exhibitor shall hold the Society harmless and indemnify it against any legal proceedings arising from such accident. You are strongly advised to check your insurance cover on this point.

DAIRY CATTLE

HOLDING NUMBER 31/348/8010

Judging to commence at 8.30am

Entry Fee: £16.00 non-member or £10 members

No entry fee: Classes 8 and 14:

Prize Money: 1st £35; 2nd £25; 3rd £20; 4th £15, 5th £10 Rosettes awarded to 6th

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HOLSTEIN UK

Judge: Colin Laird, Peeblesshire

Sponsored by Myerscough College

C1 Maiden heifer

C2 Heifer in calf

C3 Junior cow in calf on day of show to have completed a lactation and not more than 2 lactations

C4 Senior cow in calf on day of show to have completed a minimum of 3 lactations

C5 Heifer in milk

C6 Junior cow in milk in her 2nd or 3rd lactation

C7 Senior cow in milk on day of show to have had 4 or more calvings

C8 Pair of animals. The possession of one exhibitor (no entry fee)

Champion £75. Reserve Champion £50

Special: The Albright and Wilson Phosacc Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the Champion.

Special: The Premier Embryos Ltd. Trophy will be awarded to the Junior Champion.

Special: The Walter Ridley Memorial Trophy will be awarded in Class 7.

Special: The E D Bramwell Trophy presented by Show Society and Northumbrian Holstein Club for the best exhibitor bred animal in classes 1 to 6

Special: A rosette will be awarded to the Senior Champion.

Special: Holstein UK offers a Championship Award Rosette to the exhibitor of the Champion and the Reserve Champion, Best Udder, Best Exhibitor Bred Animal and Junior Champion.

ANY OTHER DAIRY BREED NOT REGISTERED OR DUAL REGISTERED WITH HOLSTEIN UK

Judge: Thomas Moscrop, Cumbria

Sponsored by Yorkshire Dales Ice Cream

C9 Maiden heifer

C10 Heifer in calf

C11 Cow in calf

C12 Heifer in milk

C13 Cow in milk

C14 Pair of animals. The possession of one exhibitor (no entry fee)

Champion £75. Reserve Champion £50.

Special: The Livestock Services Trophy will be awarded to the Champion.

INTERBREED DAIRY CHAMPION

Judge: Izzy Laird, Peeblesshire

Sponsored by Harrison & Hetherington

The Champion of Champions Judging of the Dairy Champion will take place earlier than the Grand Parade in order to suit milking times.

Overall Dairy Champion £50 and Reserve Overall Dairy Champion: £30

Special: The Northumberland County Show Derek Bramwell Memorial Trophy, will be awarded to the Interbreed Dairy Champion

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

Judge: Colin Laird, Peeblesshire

Sponsored by Kev Lamb Agricultural & Plant Repairs

Open to any Dairy Calf. Qualifying age of calf is unrestricted.

Qualifying age of Showman as Showmanship Classes

No entry fee. Prize Money: 1st £15; 2nd £12; 3rd £10; 4th £8

C15 Under 12 years on day of show

C16 12 - 17 years on day of show

C17 18 - 26 years on day of show

Champion Handler £10. Reserve Champion Handler £5.

Special: A special rosette will be awarded to all Showmanship entrants.

DAIRY CALF CLASSES

Judge: Izzy Laird, Peeblesshire

Sponsored by H & H Land & Estates

Open to any dairy calf

Entry Fee £5 Prize Money: 1st £18; 2nd £15; 3rd £12; 4th £9

C18 Junior calf born on or after 1st January 2026

C19 Intermediate calf born between 1st September and 31st December 2025

C20 Senior calf born between 1st April and 31st August 2025

Champion Calf £10 - Reserve Champion Calf £5

Special: The Hexham Courant Challenge Cup will be awarded to the Champion Calf.

BEEF CATTLE

HOLDING NUMBER 31/348/8010

Judging to commence at **8.30am**

Entry Fee: £16.00 non-member or £10 members

No entry fee Classes 26 33 39 45 51 57 64 71 & 80 also Young Handlers Classes 81-82

Prize Money: 1st £35; 2nd £25; 3rd £20; 4th £15, 5th £10 Rosettes awarded to 6th

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LIMOUSIN

Judge: Josh Knaggs, Darlington

Sponsored by Nicholson's Butchers

C21 Heifer born on or after 1 January 2025

C22 Heifer born in 2024

C23 Cow in calf or with calf at foot

C24 Junior bull born on or after 1 January 2025

C25 Senior bull born on or before 31 December 2024

C26 Pair of animals. The possession of one exhibitor entered in classes 21 to 25 (no entry fee)

Special: Sir Loftus Bates Challenge Cup will be awarded to the Champion.

Special: George Garthwaite Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the Best Maiden Heifer
from class 21, 22

Special: British Limousin Cattle Society - Champion and Reserve Champion Rosettes.

BRITISH BLUE

Judge: Gavin Scott, West Lothian

Sponsored by Barclays Bank

C29 Maiden female born on or after 1 June 2024

C30 Female born on or before 31 May 2024

C31 Junior bull born on or after 1 December 2024

C32 Senior bull born on or before 30 November 2024

C33 Pair of animals. The possession of one exhibitor entered in classes 29 to 32 (no entry fee)

Female and male classes may be amalgamated unless there are a minimum of 3 animals in each class.

Special: The Ayrshire Trophy will be awarded to the Breed Champion

Special: British Blue Cattle Society – Champion Rosette

ANY OTHER CONTINENTAL BEEF BREED

Judge: Rob Coney, Berwickshire

Sponsored by Intake Vets

C34 Maiden heifer born on or after 1 June 2024

C35 Heifer in calf or with calf at foot

C36 Cow having had more than one calf

C37 Junior Bull born on or after 1 December 2024

C38 Senior bull born on or before 30 November 2024

C39 Pair of animals. The possession of one exhibitor entered in classes 34 to 38 (no entry fee)

Female and male classes may be amalgamated unless there are a minimum of 3 animals in each class.

Special: The Border Charolais Club Cup will be awarded to the Champion Other Continental

LONGHORN

Judge: Charlie Maclean, Duns

Sponsored by Vickers & Barrass

All cattle must be fully registered with the Longhorn Cattle Society

C40 Junior heifer born after 1 November 2024

C41 Senior heifer born after 1 November 2023

C42 Cow

C43 Junior bull born after 1 November 2024

C44 Senior bull

C45 Pair of Animals. The possession of one exhibitor entered in classes 40 to 44 (no entry fee)

Female and male classes may be amalgamated unless there are a minimum of 3 animals in each class.

Special: The Southfield Cup will be awarded to the Champion

Special: The Longhorn Cattle Society Rosettes for Champion and Reserve, Best Junior Bull and Best Junior Heifer

HIGHLAND

Judge: Charlie Maclean, Duns

Sponsored by NFU Mutual, Hexham

C46 Heifer born in 2025

C47 Heifer born in 2024

C48 Heifer born in 2023

C49 Cow in calf or in milk born before 1 January 2023

C50 Bull any age

C51 Pair of Animals. The possession of one exhibitor entered in classes 46 to 50 (no entry fee)

Female and male classes may be amalgamated unless there are a minimum of 3 animals in each class.

Females entered in the appendix register of the Highland Cattle Herd Book, either Appendix B or Appendix A, are eligible for entry and are identified by the letter 'B' or 'A' tattooed in the ear or written in waterproof ink on an eartag.

Highland Points gained at this show count towards the National points show.

Special: The Mansfield Rose Bowl will be awarded to the Champion.

ANY OTHER PEDIGREE NATIVE BEEF BREED

Judge: Rob Coney, Berwickshire

Sponsored by J G Paxtons

C52 Maiden female

C53 Heifer in calf or in milk

C54 Cow in calf or in milk

C55 Junior bull born on or after 1 December 2024

C56 Senior bull born on or before 30 November 2024

C57 Pair of Animals. The possession of one exhibitor entered in classes 52 to 56 (no entry fee)

Female and male classes may be amalgamated unless there is a minimum of 3 animals in each class.

Special: John Robson Cup will be awarded to the Champion

HEREFORD

Judge: Mike Shaw, Warks

Sponsored by Davidsons Animal Feeds

Hereford Cattle Society National Points Show: Winners in this section qualify for the Hereford Bull of the Year and Hereford Female of the Year trophies and also Poll Bull of the Year and Poll Female of the Year

C58 Heifer born on or after 1 May 2025

C59 Heifer born on or after 1 January 2025 to 30 April 2025

C60 Heifer born between 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024

C61 Cow in calf or with calf at foot born before 31 December 2023

C62 Bull born on or after 1 January 2025

C63 Bull born on or before 31 December 2024

C64 Pair of Animals. The possession of one exhibitor entered in classes 58 to 63 (no entry fee)

Female and Male classes may be amalgamated unless there is a minimum of 3 animals in each class.

Only breeding animals entered for or accepted for entry in the Hereford Herd Book maintained by the Hereford Cattle Society will be qualified to take a prize in this Section.

Special: The Burrows Trophy will be awarded to the Champion

Special: Hereford Cattle Society – Champion Rosette

ABERDEEN ANGUS

Judge: Charlie Maclean, Duns

Sponsored by The Farmer Network

C66 Heifer born on or after 1 January 2025

C67 Heifer born between 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024

C68 Cow in calf or with calf at foot born before 31 December 2023

C69 Bull born on or after 1 January 2025

C70 Bull born on or before 31 December 2024

C71 Pair of Animals. The possession of one exhibitor entered in classes 66 to 70 (no entry fee)

Female and male classes may be amalgamated unless there are a minimum of 3 animals in each class.

Special: The Allenheads Trophy will be awarded to the Champion

Special: Aberdeen Angus Cattle Society – Champion Rosette

COMMERCIAL BEEF

Judge: Rob Coney, Berwickshire

Sponsored by Hexham and Northern Marts

All animals must be haltered and cannot be shown in any other section.

COMMERCIAL BEEF WEIGH IN TO TAKE PLACE FRIDAY EVENING 6pm - 8pm

Classes will then be organised accordingly

C77 Continental steer

May be split into classes 78A, 78B and 78C depending upon number of entries and weights.

C78 Continental Heifer

May be split into classes 79A, 79B and 79C depending upon number of entries and weights.

C79 Any native breed cross or pure bred heifer or steer

May be split into classes 80A, 80B and 80C depending upon number of entries and weights.

C80 Pair of Animals. The possession of one exhibitor entered in classes 77 to 79 (no entry fee)

Special: A special rosette will be awarded to the Champion Continental Commercial

Special: A special rosette will be awarded to the Champion Native Commercial

Special: R&E Baty & Son Trophy will be awarded to the Champion

PEDIGREE NATIVE BEEF BREED CHAMPIONSHIP

Judge: Michael Read, Lincolnshire

Sponsored by The Fold Farm Vets Ltd

Breed Champions in Hereford, Aberdeen Angus, Highland, Longhorn and any other native beef breed sections will be eligible to compete.

Special: Special rosette for Champion and Reserve

Special: J & G Paxton Trophy will be awarded to the champion.

PEDIGREE CONTINENTAL BEEF BREED CHAMPIONSHIP

Judge: Michael Read, Lincolnshire

Sponsored by The Fold Farm Vets Ltd

Breed Champions in Limousin, British Blue and any other Continental Beef breed sections will be eligible to compete.

Special: Special rosette for Champion and Reserve

SUPREME PEDIGREE BEEF CHAMPIONSHIP

Judge: Michael Read, Lincolnshire

Sponsored by Davies Tractors Ltd

Only Champion and Reserve Champion from the Pedigree Native Beef Breed Championship and the Pedigree Continental Beef Breed Championship will be eligible to compete.

Special: The Paragon Vet Group Crystal Trophy and £100 Champion/ Reserve £50

BEEF INTERBREED COMPETITION

Judge: Michael Read, Lincolnshire

Sponsored by Rentaloo

ONE GROUP OF 3 ANIMALS from each Beef breed. Rosettes to 3rd place. Not necessarily belonging to one exhibitor, chosen by the exhibitors themselves.

Entries taken on day of Show - NO ENTRY FEE.

Special: Secretary's Cup and £60 presented to the winning group

BEEF YOUNG HANDLERS

Judge: Rob Coney, Berwickshire

Sponsored by Loretto School

NO ENTRY FEE. PRIZE MONEY: 1st £15, 2nd £12, 3rd £10, 4th £8

Entrants are to parade beef cattle that have already been shown in Commercial Beef, Pedigree Beef and Dual Purpose Classes during the course of the day. This competition will take place following the Supreme Pedigree Beef Championships. Depending on time this competition may be held at the same time as the Interbreed Competition.

It is a condition of entry that children should only handle animals where they have the necessary strength and experience to cope with the said animal. Children must always be under the supervision of and accompanied by a competent adult and must be over 8 years of age on 23rd May 2026.

C81 Junior young handler between 8 and 14 years of age on 23 May 2026

C82 Senior young handler to be 15 or over on 23 May 2026 and 21 or under on 23rd May 2026

Champion Young Handler £10, Reserve £5

Special: Hallmark Trophy in memory of Alan Hall

Special: A special rosette will be awarded to all Beef Young Handler entrants

NO STOCK TO LEAVE BEFORE 5PM

Closing date for entries – 30th April 2026

Thank you to all our Cattle Sponsors.