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The MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES is a program 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.

MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES program Rules & Regulations

1. Only Michigan residents who are 8 years old by January 1, 2027, but not older than 21 as of January 1, 2027 are eligible to participate in the program. All MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES sanctioned shows must follow the age guidelines that will allow youngest (8 yrs. as of 1/1/27) or oldest (21 yrs. as of 1/1/27) MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES youth to participate.

2. MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES 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. MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES exhibitors must be members of the Michigan Cattlemen's Association. This is a one-time fee for the show season good for one year. MCA Student Membership $30 or MI Cattlemen Showcase Series Family Membership $75.

4. MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES exhibitors must pay a $30 per head non-refundable entry fee. This is a one-time fee for the show season. Each exhibitor must have the MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES entry complete BEFORE November 1, 2026 receive a sweatshirt at winter beef and by December 1, 2026 to receive points from the fall shows. This includes all EID numbers and registration numbers and papers. EID numbers MUST match exactly to shows entries. No spaces or dashes. Only one sweatshirt order will be placed. To receive a program sweatshirt, all entries must be completed by **November 1**. Entries submitted after November 1 will not be eligible for a sweatshirt, and additional sweatshirt orders will not be placed.

5. Showman App Online entries – MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES will be using the Showman App to enter the MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES points program. The Showman app will also track all the shows and all the points for the 2026-2027 MI

CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES show season. All sanctioned MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES shows will be using the Showman app for entries in each show.

6. MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES recognizes that individuals with disabilities may remain eligible to participate in youth agricultural programs beyond the standard age of eligibility. An exhibitor with a documented disability who is over the standard Showcase Series age limit may request an age eligibility exception to continue participating in the MI Cattlemen Showcase Series. Requests must be submitted to and approved by the MI Cattlemen Showcase Series prior to participation. The Showcase Series may request documentation verifying the exhibitor's eligibility for an age extension. Approval will be determined on an individual basis and is not automatic based solely on age or disability status. Approved exhibitors will participate under the same Showcase Series rules, requirements, point system, and award eligibility will be determined by the MI Cattlemen Showcase Series Committee. All MI Cattlemen Showcase Series Sanctioned Shows are required to recognize approved age eligibility exceptions. The MI Cattlemen Showcase Series will provide sanctioned shows with a list of approved exhibitors, as necessary.

7. MI BRED Division – To be entered in this division the animal will have to be nominated by the **BREEDER**. There is a $30 nomination fee. The form and fee is available on Showman. Nominations will only be accepted using this online portal. NOTE: Breeders completing this nomination will need the EID tag number as well as breed, birthdate of animal as well as the full name of the youth who will be exhibiting the animal in the MI Cattlemen Showcase Series sanctioned events. Animals eligible for this MI Bred division must also be registered by the youth participant in the MI Cattlemen Showcase Series program. <u>The MI BRED and the Bred & Owned divisions are separate.</u> Youth who are exhibiting calves that they bred and owned are not required to nominate in this division to qualify for bred and owned awards.

8. Each MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES exhibitor can enter up to 4 animal's total. A duel registered animal counts as 2 animals.

9. No substitutions will be allowed. Exhibitors can only add animals up to a total of 4 animals.

10. All animals entered in MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES must be in the ownership, possession, and care at the time of the entry by the MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES exhibitor and must remain in the ownership, possession, and care of the exhibitor throughout the remainder of the MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES 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, division or final drive.

12. MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES exhibitors that are physically unable to show their animal may have another MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES exhibitor show it for them, **but the owner must be present at the show and inform a MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES director by emailing info@micattlemen.org** of the situation by the end of the show to earn points. If a MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES exhibitor becomes ill after check-in at a show, they must contact MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES director for prior approval by emailing info@micattlemen.org by the end of the show. 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 CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES. 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 CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES points. Awards will also follow these classifications –

Breed	Market Animal	Heifer
AOB – Listed below	Yes	Yes
Angus – Purebred Papers	Yes	Yes
Charolais – Purebred Papers	Yes	Yes
Charolais Composite – 50% Charolais Registration papers	Yes	Yes
Chi – All ACA papers	Yes	Yes
Hereford – Purebred Papers	Yes	Yes
Maine – Brown Papers	Yes	Yes
Mainetainer – 25% - 74% Green Papers	Yes	Yes
Shorthorn – 15/16 Shorthorn Papers	Yes	Yes
Shorthorn Plus – Heifers 50% Steers 25%	Yes	Yes

Simmental – 7/8 Simmental Paper	Yes	Yes
Percentage Simmental – 1/2 to 7/8 Simmental Papers	Yes	Yes
Commercial Heifers	No	Yes
Market Heifers	Yes	No
Crossbred Steers	Yes	No

ALL OTHER REGISTERED BREEDS – animals with registration papers but not listed above. Include:

- **Limousin** Heifers & Steers **Red Angus** Heifers & Steers
- Percentage **Shorthorn** heifers (less than ½ shorthorn)
- Percentage Simmental Steers 25% - 49%
- **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 CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES 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 CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES 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 CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES. Points will be treated as two separate animals. (FOR EXAMPLE: a heifer registered as Shorthorn Plus and Mainetainer, must be entered into MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES as a Shorthorn Plus and Mainetainer and pay the $30 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 CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES).

16. ALL ANIMALS WILL BE RECORDED USING THE RFID NUMBER. Registered animals will need to upload a copy of the registration papers using the Showman App.

17. All shows must include breed classes for breeds listed in Rule 14. No consolidation of breeds. All exhibitors need to show in the breed they are entered in MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES. The Showman app does NOT combine animal points if shown differently then entered. Points would still be determined by placing in the class.

18. Showmanship will be offered at every MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES sanctioned show. Exhibitors must show their own animal in showmanship to receive points. The animal must be entered in MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES for points to count.

19. Showmanship Divisions & Age breaks

- SENIOR – 18-21 as of January 1, 2027
- INTERMEDIATE – 15-17 as of January 1, 2027
- JUNIOR – 12-14 as of January 1, 2027
- BEGINNER – 8-11 as of January 1, 2027

20. 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.

21. Breeding heifers must be born after 9/1/25. Market animals must be born in 2026.

22. Any protest regarding the MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES rules not being executed at a sanctioned show must be filed to the MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES rules and oversight committee within 7 business days of the conclusion of the final drive of the show in question. 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 within 7 days of the final drive of the show in question. MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES protests need to be turned into the Michigan Cattlemen's Association executive vice president and it will then be disseminated to the rules and oversight committee for review and ruling. If protest is valid the $100 is returned, otherwise MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES retains the $100. MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES reserves the right to review any possible rule violations. A review does not automatically result in points being added to or deducted from exhibitors point totals. Any point adjustments will be made only if warranted based on the committee's findings.

23. Any unsportsmanlike conduct or misrepresentation on the part of a MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES exhibitor, parent or board member will not be tolerated. All exhibitors are always expected to be cooperative and courteous. If a MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES exhibitor, parent, committee 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 CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES board of directors that you violated a MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES rule or have shown unsportsmanlike conduct, MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES board of directors has the right to remove points from animal/exhibitor that is found in violation or suspend/expel an exhibitor from MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES. MI Cattlemen Showcase Series exhibitors expelled from a sanctioned show for major rules violations, inhumane treatment, or similar activities, may be considered for expulsion from the MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES program. The board of directors will have the responsibility of determining violations and or sanctions within the MI Cattlemen Showcase Series program and their determination is final.**

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. All shows must be registered with MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES by November 1, 2026. All the show information will need to be listed on the website and on the Showman App website by November 15, 2026.

26. Everyone needs to double check their points after each time the points are posted. Show points are automatically posted after each show. Extra Mile points will only be posted a few times a year. If a show placing is incorrect, please contact the show chair for corrections. Any MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES points corrections due to our error or yours need to be emailed to the MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES committee within 21 days of the most recent posted results. Any corrective action must be completed within 7 days of the original notification. info@micattlemen.org

27. MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES will start in October and continue through the last participating sanctioned show. There will be no additions to the MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES sanctioned shows list after October 15, 2026. The entry deadline will be determined by the committee and announced in advance. The awards presentation exact date and time to be determined.

28. **MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES does not directly 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 CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES page on the Michigan Cattlemen's Association website for an updated list of sanctioned shows.

MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES 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. To be eligible for Premier Exhibitor awards, exhibitors must complete a minimum of four (4) Extra Mile activities, participate in a minimum of eight (8) eligible shows with their animals, and participate in a minimum of eight (8) showmanship classes. Premier Exhibitor standings are calculated using the exhibitor's top six (6) Extra Mile point-earning activities, the top eight (8) animal placings for up to four (4) animals, and the top eight (8) showmanship placings.

5. Each animal entered in the MI Cattlemen Showcase Series must be exhibited at a minimum of four (4) sanctioned shows to be eligible for year-end awards. To be eligible for Premier Exhibitor awards, exhibitors must compete in a minimum of eight (8) sanctioned shows. Premier Exhibitor standings will be calculated using the exhibitor's top eight (8) show results.

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 CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES exhibitor is beat by a non-MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES exhibitor, the MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES exhibitor will receive points for the actual place in the class.

8. Points shall be earned on the following basis:

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Market Animals & Heifers:

For shows 0 - 100 head: (Market and heifer divisions are totaled separately)

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 over 101 head: (Market and heifer divisions are totaled separately)

Class placing:

1st place = number of head in class x 7

2nd place = number of head in class x 6

3rd place = number of head in class x 5

4th place = number of head in class x 4

5th place = number of head in class x 3

6th place = number of head in class x 2

7th place = number of head in class x 1

Breed Champion = 18 pts + class pts are replaced by the 1st place pts of the largest class of that breed.

Reserve Breed Champion = 12 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. Exhibitors MUST show their own MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES 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 0-149 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 -

Extra Mile activities will include photography, essays, poster, graphic design, speech, livestock judging, fitting contest, skill-a-thon, ect. Each show will offer a variety of these contests. Each sanctioned show is responsible for administering its own contests but must follow the minimum requirements established by the MI Cattlemen Showcase Series to ensure consistency and fairness across all sanctioned events. A form must be completed by the show to host an educational contest 60 days prior to the sanctioned show.

The Michigan Cattlemen's Association will be offering a variety of other educational activities and contest. These will be offered throughout the MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES show season. Please watch Facebook and our website for these activities and due dates. Some activities will only have participation points. They will not be judged and placed.

Extra Mile points shall be earned on the following basis: 1st place will receive 20 pts. in each contest.

2nd place will receive 15 pts. in each contest.

3rd place will receive 10 pts. in each contest.

All participants not placing in the top 3 will receive 5 pts for each contest.

Contest without placings will be awarded up to 10 participation points.

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

To be eligible for Premier Exhibitor awards, exhibitors must complete a minimum of four (4) Extra Mile activities. Premier Exhibitor standings are calculated using the exhibitor's top six (6) Extra Mile point-earning activities.

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 is a $30 nomination fee. The form and payment portal is available on Showman. Nominations will only be accepted using this online portal. NOTE: Breeders completing this nomination will need the EID tag number as well as breed, birthdate of animal as well as the full name of the youth who will be exhibiting the animal in the MI Cattlemen Showcase Series sanctioned events. Animals eligible for this MI Bred division must also be registered by the youth participant in the MI Cattlemen Showcase Series program. The MI BRED and the Bred & Owned divisions are separate. Youth who are exhibiting calves that they bred and owned are not required to nominate in this division to qualify for bred and owned awards. The same rules apply that all entries must be complete before the exhibitor starts earning points.

The breeder will be recognized at the MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES awards presentation as well as on the website.

Any breeder who is a Diamond sponsor or higher will get MI BRED nominations included in their sponsorship. The sponsor needs to email MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES directly with the information on the sale animal after entering on Showman to receive a payment refund. The exact EID number, birthdate and breed as well as the youth exhibitor showing the animals needs to be included.

MI BRED division is separate from the Bred & Owned division. Separate points will be awarded. Separate awards will be given.

At the year-end awards the Top MI BRED animals (heifers and market animals) will be awarded MI CATTLEMEN SHOWCASE SERIES awards as well as a percentage of the monies collected from the nominations.

15. **MI Cattlemen Showcase Series Futurity Division -** Cattle must be purchased by a youth exhibitor at the Michigan Beef Expo to be eligible. Youth exhibitors who purchase an animal at the Michigan Beef Expo may nominate that animal for the MI Cattlemen Showcase Series Futurity Division once registration papers have been received. Nominated animals will be eligible to accumulate Futurity Division points beginning with the Junior Show presented by MSU Block & Bridle during Beef Expo weekend and continuing through all sanctioned shows for the remainder of the MI Cattlemen Showcase Series season. The Grand and Reserve Champions in this division will be awarded at the end of year awards program.