

ALL-AMERICAN CONTEST RULES

ENTRY FORMS AND FEES ARE DUE NOVEMBER 15, 2026.

The All-American Contest recognizes outstanding animals exhibited at state, regional and national shows during the calendar year.

Submit the official entry form found on the AMSS website to: AMSS, P.O. Box 21, Beloit, WI 53512.

ALL-AMERICAN CLASSES:

- Spring Heifer Calf: Born on or after March 1, 2026; must be at least 4 months old
- Winter Heifer Calf: Born Dec. 1, 2025–Feb. 28, 2026.
- Fall Heifer Calf: Born Sept. 1–Nov. 30, 2025.
- Summer Yearling Heifer: Born June 1–Aug. 31, 2025.
- Spring Yearling Heifer: Born March 1–May 31, 2025.
- Winter Yearling Heifer: Born Dec. 1, 2024–Feb. 28, 2025.
- Fall Yearling Heifer: Born Sept. 1–Nov. 30, 2024.
- Junior Best 3 Females: Must be shown together in the Junior Best Three class
- Yearling in Milk: Born Sept. 1, 2024, or later.
- Summer Junior Two-Year-Old Cow: Born June 1–Aug. 31, 2024.
- Junior Two-Year-Old Cow: Born March 1–June 30, 2024.
- Senior Two-Year-Old Cow: Born Sept. 1, 2023–Feb. 28, 2024.
- Junior Three-Year-Old Cow: Born March 1–Aug. 31, 2023.
- Senior Three-Year-Old Cow: Born Sept. 1, 2022–Feb. 28, 2023.
- Four-Year-Old Cow: Born Sept. 1, 2021–Aug. 31, 2022.
- Five-Year-Old Cow: Born Sept. 1, 2020–Aug. 31, 2021.
- Aged Cow: Born before Sept. 1, 2020.
- Lifetime Merit Cow: Lifetime milk production over 100,000lbs.
- Senior Best Three Females: Must be shown together in the Senior Best Three class.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, the animal must meet at least one of the following three criteria:

- 1. NATIONAL SHOW:** Place 1st–6th at one of these four National Shows: Eastern National (All-American Dairy Show, Harrisburg, PA); Northeast National (The Big E, Springfield, MA); International Show (World Dairy Expo, Madison, WI); or Winter National (NAILE, Louisville, KY).
- 2. REGIONAL SHOW:** Place 1st–6th at a qualifying regional show. **Official placings must be submitted to AMSS by November 1 and include the judge's name, number of head shown, and total number of states represented.**
- 3. STATE FAIR OR STATE SHOW:** Place 1st–6th at a state fair or state show. **Official placings must be submitted to AMSS by November 1 and include the judge's name, number of head shown, and total number of states represented.**

GOOD STANDING: All applicants must be in good standing with AMSS. Accounts 90 days or more past due are ineligible until paid in full or payment arrangements are established.

ENTRIES & NOMINATION FEES

Use the official form on the AMSS website and mail to AMSS, P.O. Box 21, Beloit, WI 53512. Individual classes: \$50; group classes: \$80.00. Checks payable to AMSS. **Entries without payment will not be accepted.**

PHOTO & PLACING REQUIREMENTS

A professional photo must accompany each entry. Junior or Senior Best Three entries require an individual photo of each animal. **Failure to list ALL placings will automatically disqualify the animals, and the entry will be forfeited.**

CONTEST PROCESS

All classes, regardless of number, go through the All-American Committee. Nominations are sent to all National Show judges and the judges of the four largest state or regional shows, based on head shown. Results are tabulated from nomination committee ballots. All-American, Reserve All-American, Honorable Mention All-American, and Nominated All-American awards are determined by points. In a tie, all nominations go to one randomly selected judge from the other All-American category (Open or Junior), who places all nominations in all classes; only placings needed to break ties count in the final calculation. Results appear in the Spring edition of the Milking Shorthorn Journal.