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July 15 - July 26, 2026

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Dear Commercial & Registered Cattle Producer:

On behalf of the California Mid-State-Fair, I would like to cordially invite you to display your cattle during the Cattlemen and Farmers' Day on Thursday, July 16th, 2026. Since our agriculture community has both registered and commercial cattle operations, we are pleased to provide a unique opportunity by providing both a registered and commercial cattle showcase.

In the Fair's quest to preserve and promote agriculture, there is no better avenue than through our young entrepreneurs. Keeping this in mind, the Fair has established a program to highly encourage 4-H and FFA exhibitors to purchase their Fair animals from local breeders, and at the same time, reward those ranchers for affording these young people with the opportunity to purchase heifers from the local producers. In addition to the divisional awards, the Fair offers an extra incentive for the local producers who exhibit a commercial pen(s) on Cattlemen's Day during the 2026 Fair. The local producers become eligible to receive a \$1,000 cash premium to be paid to the rancher who bred and sold either the Grand Champion Replacement Heifer shown the *following* year during the 2027 Fair.

We offer a broad scope in both registered and commercial cattle pens with emphasis in three specific cattle divisions: 1) Replacement Heifers (yearlings); 2) Bred Heifers; and 3) Young Bulls. The divisional winners will receive awards and the Overall Champion Pen of Cattle will be honored with a buckle sponsored by Borjon Auto Center.

Specifically, the following guidelines shall apply to commercial cattle pens:

- * Cattle may arrive on Wednesday, July 15th, **before** 8:00 p.m. or before 9:00 a.m. July 16th
- * Cattle will be released on Thursday evening, July 16th, following Cattlemen and Farmers' Day activities (approximately 8:00 p.m.) or Friday morning, July 17th, **6:00 to 7:30 a.m. only**. (Unfortunately, these are the only times to pick up your cattle as the 4-H and FFA livestock barns need to be cleaned and reset)
- * Pen consignors shall receive a ribbon and \$150.00 per pen from the Fair to help defray expenses
- * Cattle will be displayed in panels provided by the Fair
- * Consignors shall be limited to no more than two (2) pens per ranch.
- * To receive payment, each pen must have a minimum of three (3) head with no more than six (6) head.
- * Cattle must be docile, as the public will be walking through the barns viewing the cattle.
- * The Fair will provide hay and will maintain the feeding and watering of cattle during stay.

We look forward to your participation in this exciting program. **Please complete the enclosed application and return it via email to livestock@midstatefair.com, or mail it to the CMSF, Attn: Livestock, P.O. Box 8, Paso Robles, CA 93447, before Wednesday, July 1st, 2026.** If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me in the Fair Office at **805-239-0655** or via email at **livestock@midstatefair.com**.

Respectfully,

Denise Stornetta
Livestock Superintendent

California Mid-State Fair
Registered and Commercial Cattle Pens

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____

Email Address _____

_____ Yes, I am interested in having a Registered or Commercial Pen at the 2026 California Mid-State-Fair.

_____ No, I am not interested this year.

If yes, please provide the following information:

Divisions (Please enter no more than two (2) pens; you may however, enter both pens in the same division)

_____ Pen of Replacement Heifers (Weaned) Registered _____ or Commercial _____

Breed(s) _____

_____ Pen of Bred Heifers Registered _____ or Commercial _____

Breed(s) _____

_____ Pen of Young Bulls Registered _____ or Commercial _____

Breed(s) _____

Note: Cattle may arrive Wednesday, July 15th. before 8:00 p.m. or Thursday, July 16th, **before 9:00 a.m.** Release will be Thursday, July 16th, following the completion of the Cattlemen and Farmer's Day Awards Program (approximately 7:00 p.m.), or Friday morning, July 17th, from **6:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. only**. All cattle **must** be picked up by 7:30 a.m. in order to allow for sufficient time to clean barns prior to arrival of 4-H and FFA Livestock. All consignors shall **receive \$150.00 per pen** to defray expenses. Each pen must have a minimum of three (3) head and no more than six (6) head. Cattle must be docile, as the public will be walking through the barn viewing the cattle. Cattle will be fed and watered by Fair staff; hay will be provided by the Fair.

Please return this form to livestock@midstatefair.com, or to the fair office at 2198 Riverside Ave, Paso Robles, CA 93446, or via USPS at PO Box 8, Paso Robles, CA 93447, prior to Wednesday, July 1st, 2026

Thank You!