



WESTERN ONTARIO JUNIOR CALF SHOW
July 2,3 2026



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1. Calves, 4-H'ers, and chaperones arrive at the Ilderton Fairgrounds on **Thursday, July 2nd between 10 a.m. and noon.**
2. The Calf must be the 2026 4-H project of the 4-H member. Substitutes are allowed if the calf is sick. Participants may use another calf from home or a calf from the show **only** for showmanship.
3. **CALVES MUST BE CLIPPED EXCEPT FOR THE TOPLINE PRIOR TO ARRIVAL.** The organizing committee will have fitters available to assist the contestants to complete the topline of the calf, but participants should supply their own topline materials (e.g. Got2B spray, paint, etc.)
4. All calves must be dual tagged (button and panel) with dairy approved tags.
5. The provided T-Shirt, white pants and appropriate footwear are required for showmanship and conformation classes – T-shirts will be provided for participants (but bring a spare white T-shirt just in case).
6. Harness number cards will be used (bring your own harnesses).
7. All leaders, chaperones, parents, and volunteers must abide by Ontario 4-H Council Board Policies, which can be viewed at <https://4-hontario.ca/about-4-h/policies/>.
8. **Entry Deadline June 1st – enter online at <https://www.assistexpo.ca/juniorshow-ontario-western>**

Tentative Program

Thursday, July 2nd

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| 10:00 – noon | <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ 4-H'ers and calves arrive at fairgrounds♦ Prepare bedding pack (no shavings), wash calves♦ Registration |
| 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Assistance with Clipping topline♦ Educational Stations♦ Showmanship clinic |
| 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Dinner (provided to participants and chaperones) |
| 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Fun activities |

4-H'ers and chaperones should be prepared to stay overnight at the fairgrounds. There is space for trailers and tents. Hydro hookups are available for \$20 per night. For those looking for a hotel – the Holiday Inn in Strathroy is about a 24 minute drive

*** As this is an overnight event, chaperones are required with each group – 9:30 P.M. curfew***

Friday, July 3rd

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| 6:00 – 7:00 a.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Wash calves / bed, feed, etc. |
| 7:30 a.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Breakfast (provided to participants and chaperones) |
| 10:00 a.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Junior Showmanship Class (ages 9-11)♦ Senior Showmanship Class (ages 12-13)♦ Grand and Reserve Champion Showmanship |
| 12 noon | <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Lunch |
| 1:00 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Spring Heifer Class (born after March 1, 2026)♦ Winter Heifer Class (born Dec. 1, 2025 – Feb. 28, 2026)♦ Fall Heifer Class (born Sept. 1, 2025 – Nov. 30, 2025)♦ Yearling Class (born Mar. 1, 2025 – Aug. 31, 2025)♦ Champion and Reserve Champion Calf |
| 3:00 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Clean Up (straw pack removed and piled in centre, garbage picked up) |

This event is at the Ilderton Fairgrounds, 195 King St. Ilderton, ON

Please bring: Whites, Harness, Show Halter, Washing and Grooming items!