

**MAHA Spring Show – Mercer County 4H Park
463 North Perry Highway, Mercer, PA 16137
June 1, 2 & 3, 2017**

Thursday June 1st Cattle may begin to arrive
Friday June 2nd Cattle must be in place by noon Friday
Saturday, June 3rd - 9:00 AM Junior Show, followed by the Open Show
Cattle may be released after the show is complete
Saturday, June 3rd - 5:00 PM Beast Feast Dinner – hosted by Judy & John Ligo - Literra

Bedding will be provided at the fairgrounds. Please be sure to bring everything you may need, as there will be no feed store or supply shop on site.

A block of rooms has been reserved for June 1st – 3rd at the following hotels:

Comfort Inn 835 Perry Highway, Mercer, PA

3.6 miles from 4H Park 724-748-3030
King/Queen Rooms available for \$90 night +tax (please ask for MAHA rate)
Reservations must be made by May 4th, 2017 – Cancellations must be made by June 1st, 2017. Hotel has an indoor pool and includes breakfast.
<https://www.choicehotels.com/pennsylvania/mercer/comfort-inn-hotels/pa522>

Hampton Inn & Suites, Grove City, PA– 4 Holiday Blvd., Mercer, PA

9.3 miles from 4H Park 724-748-5744
King/Queen Rooms available for \$129 night + tax (please ask for MAH rate)
Reservations must be made by April 30, 2017 – Cancellations must be made by May 31st, 2017. Hotel has an indoor pool and includes breakfast.
www.grovecitysuites.hamptoninn.com

Beast Feast Dinner – Saturday, June 3rd – 5:00 PM

LiTerra – 2191 Scrubgrass Road, Grove City, PA 16127

A dinner will be hosted by John & Judy Ligo of Literra. Please join us for a night of fun & fellowship with our highland friends! ***You do not have to show cattle to attend the dinner, or be a member of MAHA; but you MUST have an interest in Highland Cattle or the people that own them!***

Silent Auction

Please be sure to bring an item for the Silent Auction to be held after the Dinner on Saturday Night.

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. **Entry fee is \$35.00 per animal with the exception of group classes and due by April 29, 2017; a \$10.00 per animal late fee will be charged for entries received later than April 29th.**
2. Cattle must be in place by Friday June 2, 2017 at 12:00 PM.
3. Exhibitors are required to post a card over each animal stating: name, registration #, birthdate, sire & dam.
4. Exhibitor's numbers must be worn while showing.
5. Farm signs and decorations are encouraged.
6. All animals must be tied with a neck rope in addition to a regular halter.
7. The exhibitor is responsible for the health of the animal. The Show Committee has the right to call for the services of a veterinarian to treat an animal that is sick or injured if the exhibitor is not available. The fee must be paid by the exhibitor prior to the release of the animal.
8. Any animal deemed uncontrollable by the Ring Steward will be excused from the show ring.
9. Rule violations will be handled by AHCA and AHCA reserves the right to refuse any entry application. Artificially altering the natural conformation or structure of an animal is strictly prohibited for this event. In addition, the use of growth hormones is forbidden. Every exhibitor bringing his/her animals to the show represents the animals as being free from unnatural alteration and growth hormones. Each exhibitor also agrees to submit any entries to any inspection deemed necessary.
10. The Show Committee will use reasonable diligence to insure the safety of the exhibitors after their arrival and placement, but in no case will they be responsible for any loss or damage done to, occasioned by, or arising from any animals or articles on exhibition. The exhibitors shall indemnify the Show Committee, AHCA and MAHA of all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto. The placing of any exhibits on the show grounds by any and all signifies their agreement to abide by this rule.
11. Premier Breeder & Premier Exhibitor awards will be given to the breeder or exhibitor having the highest number of points based on a maximum of the five highest placing animals in the single classes owned by that breeder or exhibitor. Points shall be awarded as follows: 1st-5 pts, 2nd-4 pts, 3rd-3pts, 4th-2pts, 5th-1 pts. No points given for Division or Grand Champion.
12. Animals shown in the Junior Show and Showmanship Division must be first entered in their respective open division classes.
13. **AHCA Rules for sanctioned shows:**
 1. Exhibitors must be members in good standing of the American Highland Cattle Association or the Canadian Highland Society
 2. All animals must be owned by the exhibitor and registered with AHCA or CHCS. This means no pending animals.
 3. Original registration papers must be presented to show officials or AHCA representatives upon request.
 4. Tattoos must be legible and correspond to registration papers.
 5. Use of hormones or steroids in animals is prohibited.
 6. Breeding cattle may not be dehorned.
 7. Exhibitors agree to abide by the IAFE (International Association of Fair and Expositions) National Code of Ethics. (may be found on the AHCA website or spring 2008 *The Bagpipe*)
 8. A calf in the cow/calf class must be the cow's natural calf, still nursing and a maximum of 250 days old.
 9. All bulls 12 months of age and older must have a nose ring or nose lead.
 10. Registered pure and crossbred steers and registered Sovereign heifers will count toward Premier Breeder and Exhibitor awards at all ROE shows.
 11. Registered and unregistered steers and registered Sovereign heifers will be included for the number of animals in a point show.

AHCA Policy Concerning the Fitting of Highland Cattle for the Show Ring

It is neither the desire nor the business of AHCA to act as a show ring policeman. It is however, within the scope of AHCA's responsibilities to maintain the purity of the breed and by extension, act to ensure the preservation of those characteristics deemed unique to Highland cattle. This includes presenting breeding cattle to the public that do exhibit those unique breed characteristics. It is also within the scope of AHCA's responsibilities to mediate and ensure ongoing contentment within its constituency.

Highland cattle possess unique characteristics not found in other breeds of cattle. Some of these are physical characteristics that permit the instant recognition of the breed. Attempting to alter the physical appearance of Highland breeding show stock by the excessive removal of hair **is not** an acceptable procedure at any ROE recognized Highland show. Clipping, shaping and increasing hair volume are all common and accepted cosmetic procedures permitted to purebred breeding stock. However, excessive clipping or blocking will not be tolerated in the show ring except for market animals. AHCA understands that "excessive clipping and blocking" are subjective terms open to individual interpretation. None-the-less, **AHCA expects that all participants in ROE Highland shows will exercise restraint in the removal of hair for the purpose of showing Highland breeding stock.**

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

- 1). Animals must be accompanied by a valid Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and official identification. A CVI shall be issued within 30 days prior to entry. Official identification has a US shield which includes a USDA issued NUES tag, a 15 digit Animal Identification Number ear tag that starts with '840', or other official identification approved by USDA.
- 2). **Tuberculosis Testing Requirements:**
 - a. No test required for animals originating from "Accredited Free" states or zones.
 - b. All animals originating from states or zones designated "Modified Accredited Advanced" must be test-negative within 60 days prior to entry.
 - c. All animals originating from states or zones designated "Modified Accredited" (**includes part of Michigan**) must:
 - (1) Originate from herds in which all animals 12 months of age and older have tested negative for TB within 12 months prior to entry; *and*
 - (2) The animals to be imported have tested negative to TB within 60 days prior to entry and at least 60 days after the whole herd test.
- 3). **Statement: Vesicular Stomatitis (VS):** (applies to states that experienced a Vesicular Stomatitis outbreak in the last 12 months). An accredited veterinarian shall determine whether the animals are free from VS, and shall be accompanied by a CVI with the following statement signed by the accredited veterinarian: "**All animals identified on this certificate of veterinary inspection have been examined and found to be free from VS. During the past 90 days, these animals were not located within 10 miles of a site where VS has been diagnosed.**"
- 4). It is recommended that all animals be vaccinated/boosted against BVD/shipping fever complex within 180 days prior to the show and no fewer than 15 days prior to the show. It is recommended that breeding animals over 3 months of age receive a current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian.

For more information, please contact
PA Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Health
2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110
Telephone: (717) 772-2852 or (717) 783-5301, Fax: (717) 787-1868

OPEN SHOW DIVISIONS - ENTRIES DUE April 29, 2017

- a. Divisions will be split into classes at the discretion of the show committee.
- b. There is no charge for group classes, but please indicate so on entry form. (Get-of-Sire, Produce of Dam, Breeders Herd)
- c. There is a \$10 charge for steer classes, premiums apply to Junior Exhibitors only.
- d. Be sure to include name of sire for Get-of-Sire and name of dam for Produce of Dam
- e. Cow/Calf please include the name, age and sire of both the cow and the calf. Calf must be cow's natural calf, nursing and be a maximum of 250 days old.

1. Intermediate Heifer Calf	5/1/2017 – 8/31/2017
2. Junior Heifer Calf	1/1/2017 – 4/30/2017
3. Senior Heifer Calf	9/1/2016 – 12/31/2016
4. Intermediate Yearling Heifer	5/1/2016 – 8/31/2016
5. Junior Yearling Heifer	1/1/2016– 4/30/2016
6. Senior Heifer	1/1/2015 –12/31/2015
7. Cow/Calf	Include name, age and sire of both cow and calf
8. Purebred Highland Steers	born June 1, 2015 or later
9. Crossbred Highland Steers	born June 1, 2015 or later
10. Registered Sovereign Heifers	born January 1, 2015 or later
11. Registered Sovereign Bulls	born January 1, 2015 or later
12. Intermediate Bull Calf	5/1/2017 – 8/31/2017
13. Junior Bull Calf	1/1/2017 – 4/30/2017
14. Senior Bull Calf	9/1/2016 – 12/31/2016
15. Intermediate Yearling Bull	5/1/2016 – 8/31/2016
16. Junior Yearling Bull	1/1/2016 – 4/30/2016
17. Senior Bulls	1/1/2015 – 12/31/2015
18. Get-of-Sire	3 animals sired by same bull
19. Produce of Dam	2 animals with same dam
20. Breeder's Herd	4 animals bred by one breeder, each sex represented

A costume contest for the Junior Exhibitors will be held immediately after the Open Show

Mid Atlantic Highland Association
MAHA Spring Classic - Mercer, Pennsylvania - June 3, 2017
****Entries due by April 29, 2017****

First Name _____ Address _____

Last Name _____ City _____

Farm Name _____ State _____

Phone _____ Zip _____

Fax _____ Email _____

**I/we have read the rules and regulations and the health requirements and agree to abide by them.
Entry fees are non-refundable.**

SIGNATURE(S): _____

_____ NUMBER OF BREEDING CATTLE ENTERED x \$35.00 Entry Fee _____

_____ NUMBER OF STEERS ENTERED x \$10.00 Entry Fee _____

_____ MAHA membership (all exhibitors must be MAHA Members
for insurance purposes) \$40.00 _____

_____ BEAST FEAST (\$20 per person or \$40 per farm) _____

_____ SHOW BOOK ADVERTISING (camera ready) _____

-Business card \$20.00 -1/4 page \$30.00

-1/2 page \$40.00 -full page \$50.00

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

A late fee of \$10 per animal is levied on entries not received by April 29, 2017

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO **MAHA** and mail to:

MAHA Spring Classic C/O Scott Riley 54575 Kanzigg Road, Powhatan Point, OH 43942

COW/CALF PLEASE USE A SEPARATE LINE FOR EACH ANIMAL

Division# _____ Date of Birth _____ Tattoo RE _____ LE _____

Registration# _____ Name _____

Sire Reg.# _____ Sire Name _____

Dam Reg# _____ Dam Name _____

Owner _____

Breeder _____

Division# _____ Date of Birth _____ Tattoo RE _____ LE _____

Registration# _____ Name _____

Sire Reg.# _____ Sire Name _____

Dam Reg# _____ Dam Name _____

Owner _____

Breeder _____

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Registration# _____ Name _____

Sire Reg.# _____ Sire Name _____

Dam Reg# _____ Dam Name _____

Owner _____

Breeder _____

2017 STEER SHOW, JUNIOR SHOW & SHOWMANSHIP

**- The entry fee for the steer show is \$10.00 per animal,
no steers born before June 1, 2015 may be entered.**

1st Place Steer - \$100 2nd Place Steer - \$50

****Premiums apply only to junior steer exhibitors****

- Steers may be dehorned, and clipping of steers is encouraged but not required
- Heifers shown in the Junior Show & Showmanship must first be entered in their respective open division classes
- All rules pertaining to the Open Show will apply to the Junior Show
- **Reminder:** Only heifers may be exhibited in the Junior Show. Bull calves less than 14 months may be used only in Junior Showmanship classes
- There will be no entry fee for the Junior Show or Showmanship

A costume contest will be held for Juniors, immediately following the Open Show

JUNIOR HEIFER SHOW

Class 1: 2017 Heifer Calves

Class 2: 2016 Yearling Heifers

Class 3: 2015 Senior Heifers

Class#	Birth Date	Reg#	Animal Name	Exhibitor
___	__/__/__	_____	_____	_____
___	__/__/__	_____	_____	_____

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP - HEIFERS/STEERS/BULLS (BULLS LESS THAN 14 MONTHS OF AGE ONLY)

Class 1: Pee Wee (7 years and under)

Class 2: Junior (ages 8 - 12)

Class 3: Intermediate (ages 13 -16)

Class 4: Senior (ages 17 - 21)

Class#	Junior's birth date	Junior's name
___	__/__/__	_____

STEER SHOW

Full blood or Crossbred	Birth Date	Exhibitor
_____	__/__/__	_____

I have read the preceding rules and understand and agree to abide by them.

Signature of the Junior Exhibitor: _____ Date: __/__/__

Signature of MAHA Sponsor: _____ Date: __/__/__