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2026 Allegany County Fair Youth Beef Show Results

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On Tuesday, July 21st, youth exhibitors showed off their beef projects at the Allegany County Fair. The contest is a culmination of a year plus of hard work caring for and training their animals.

In the Senior Showmanship division, Mason Findlay Fillmore, NY with a first-place finish received a blue ribbon along with a Photo Frame sponsored Mark & Lorraine Stone followed by Sarah Wilson Dansville, NY; Conner Armison Farmersville Station, NY; Shane Ploetz Cuba, NY; and Wyatt Tyler Cuba NY all receiving blue ribbon awards.

For the Junior Showmanship Garret Ploetz Cuba, NY topped the class followed Beverley Ploetz Cuba NY and Caidence Armison Farmersville Station, NY. All three receiving blue ribbons. Garret received a photo frame sponsored by Catt Co Trappers; Beverly received a manure fork sponsored by the Pierce Family.

The top from each division competed for Grand Champion Showman. This year's winner Mason Findlay received a photo frame sponsored Stony Brook Farm. Reserve Grand Champion Showman, Sarah Wilson received a photo frame sponsored by Burch Family Dental.

Following showmanship, the market classes were held starting with the Lightweight Division with 2 entries. First blue ribbon awarded to steer shown by Garrett Ploetz followed by second blue exhibited by Beverly Ploetz.

In the Medium Weight Division receiving blue ribbons Mason Findley first followed by Shane Ploetz and Caidence Armison. The heavyweight Division with 4 blue ribbons winners exhibited by Mason Findlay, Wyatt Tyler, Conner Armison and Shane Ploetz.

Grand Champion Market Beef was awarded to the heavy weight steer exhibited by Mason Findlay. He received a banner sponsored by Nicholson Pharmacy. The Reserve Grand Champion Market beef was exhibited by Wyatt Tyler, awarded to his heavy weight steer. He received an award banner sponsored In Memory of Sarah Beiler. One blue ribbon entry in the Dairy Beef Steer division exhibited by Shane Ploetz; he received a banner sponsored by Nicholson Pharmacy.

In the breeding beef division, an excellent group of blue-ribbon stock exhibited by Caidence Armison, Conner Armison, Mason Findlay, Shane Ploetz, Wyatt Tyler and Sarah Wilson. Grand Champion Female awarded to Simmental Cow/Calf exhibited by Mason Findlay, sponsored by

Burch Family Dental. Reserve Grand Champion Female, sponsored ALCO Federal Credit Union, photo frame awarded to Sarah Wilson.

This year's judge for the show McGuire Insley. With 4 years of judging hogs and cattle under his belt. McGuire recognizes the value of teamwork and camaraderie within 4-H.

Youth shows at the fair are one of many programs offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Allegany County (CCE-Allegany). The association is part of the national cooperative extension system, an educational partnership between County, State, and Federal governments. As New York's land grant university Cornell administers the system in this state. For more information, call 585-268-7644 or visit our website at www.cce.cornell.edu/allegany. Cornell Cooperative Extension provides equal program and employment opportunities.

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Photo Caption: Grand Champion Market Steer exhibited by Mason Findlay with Judge McGuire Insley. This steer will be sold at the Annual Youth Market Animals Sale at 6 PM on Thursday, July 23rd.



Photo Caption: Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer exhibited by Wyatt Tyler with Judge McGuire Insley. This steer will be sold at the Annual Youth Market Animals Sale at 6 PM on Thursday, July 23rd.



Photo Caption: Grand Champion Female exhibited by Mason Findlay with Judge McGuire Insley.

