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## News From The Royal

Here's what new at The Royal for 2017.

### Youth Livestock Entry Fee

The Royal is introducing a \$20 entry fee for all youth livestock exhibitors, beginning with the 2017 Fair. In 2016, The Royal invested heavily in improving exhibitor experience including expanded and relocated livestock show rings and livestreaming of all large livestock shows. The Royal surveyed other, similar shows such as Agribition, Northlands and World Dairy Expo, which all charge entry fees for youth exhibitors. The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, which is a non-profit charity, has set its youth entry fee below these comparable shows, as a means of recouping some of its investment in improving exhibitor experience.

### Single Bovine Show Entry Per Year

The Royal held discussions with RAWF youth committees and our Board and staff about permitting youth exhibitors to enter more than one large livestock youth show during The Royal in any single year. Some people have requested, for example, that a Classic exhibitor could also enter the National Junior Beef Heifer Show in the same year, now that those shows do not take place at the same time. The Agriculture Committee of the RAWF Board and Royal staff have decided that we will not change our policy for 2017. In other words, youth large livestock exhibitors can enter only one large livestock youth competition at this year's Royal. In this way, we can maximize the number of youth who have the opportunity to compete. Note: Youth exhibitors in the TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic and the National Junior Beef Heifer Show are still welcome to participate in youth showmanship classes as part of the open breed shows. We will review the matter again for the 2018 Fair.

The Royal is happy to hear any comments or questions you may have. Contact me directly at: [phohenadel@royalfair.org](mailto:phohenadel@royalfair.org)

Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to seeing you in November!

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