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ABLE

ARKANSAS BEEF LEADERSHIP EVENT



February 18–21, 2026

Four States Fairgrounds – Texarkana, AR

Inspiring the Next Generation of Beef Industry Leaders

The Arkansas Beef Leadership Event (ABLE) provides youth with hands-on competitions, leadership development, and real-world experiences that prepare them for future careers in the beef cattle industry.

Age Divisions & Eligibility

Junior (Ages 5–9), Intermediate (Ages 10–13), Senior (Ages 14–19). Participants must be members of 4-H, FFA, or the Arkansas Junior Cattlemen's Association (AJCA). Youth from surrounding states may participate in most contests.

Contests & Activities

Cattle Judging • Beef Skill-a-thon • Sales Talk • Public Speaking • Pen Heifer Show (AR only) • Southern Regional Beef Quiz Bowl (AR only) • Networking Night with Industry Leaders

Registration Information

Primary contests register through the Four States Fair website. Cost is \$15 per contest or \$50 for all four. Registration deadline is February 1, 2026. Pen Heifer Show and Quiz Bowl require separate registration.

