

DAIRY

OBJECTIVES

Members learn about the care and responsibility of raising dairy cattle. The project also educates the public about the dairy industry and the importance of dairy foods in a healthy diet. To strive to "Make The Best Better."

RULES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITION

1. In order to exhibit, 4-H members must be registered in the dairy cattle project by January 1.
2. All members must give a club, county or state 4-H presentation, participate in 4-H wreaths and/or catalogue sales, and attend 70% of regular club meetings.
3. Handle and care for your own 4-H Project to the fullest extent possible as written on the lease papers.
4. Ages of dairy cattle are computed as of September 1, December 1, March 1 and June 1
5. Both Grade and Purebred animals may be shown. (Purebred animals over six months of age must be recorded in a registry association of recognized standing.) All animals must be owned or leased by the exhibitor as of May 1. The lease forms must be in the county 4-H Office by May 1.
6. Club members are not limited as to number of animals exhibited. Written entry forms must be received by the Tent Superintendent as of June 1st.
7. Club members shall be neatly dressed at all times, and when showing, must wear a clean white pants and shirt. Exhibitors must not wear any item that denotes personal herd or club identification during the show.
8. No one other than a 4-H club member may help in the fitting and showing of an animal at the fair. (Leaders may only help as an advisor.) All animals shown in the showmanship and fitting classes must be owned or leased by the 4-H'er exhibiting it.
9. Exhibitors will be expected to provide their own feed and equipment. Space occupied must be kept in a sanitary condition. All club members will participate in herdsman's duties or forfeit awards and future fair entries.
10. Each animal will be haltered with a strong rope halter or full face halter. Animals will be led with a proper halter. The Division Chairperson reserves the right to exclude unmanageable animals. Nervous animals requiring supervision will be the responsibility of the exhibitor and will require the exhibitor's constant attendance during the hours the Fair is open to the public.
11. Each entry must be a member of a qualified tuberculosis-free and qualified brucellosis-free herd. A current NJ certificate of veterinary inspection dated within 30 days of the fair must be presented and cows must go through veterinary inspection before unloading.
12. Vet inspections will take place Tuesday, the night before the fair and Wednesday morning. Contact your Division Chair for times.
13. The veterinarian will have final say on the health of any animal.
14. Animals must be on the fairgrounds by 10 am, Wednesday and will not be permitted to leave until after 11:00 pm, Friday evening. The only exception is milking animals, which may be brought, and leave the day of the show. Please make arrangements with division chairperson for vet inspection and unloading times.
15. 4-H members must have project record books up-to-date and turned into the Division Chairperson on or before 9 pm Tuesday night before the Fair.

BREED CLASSES

(Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey)
(Some classes may be combined)

1. Junior Heifer Calves - under 6 months - born between March 1 and May 31 of current year.
2. Intermediate Senior Heifer Calves - born between December 1, 2016 and February 29, 2017
3. Senior Heifer Calves - born between September 1, 2016 and November 30, 2016.
4. Summer Junior Yearling Heifers - born between June 1, 2016 and August 31, 2016.
5. Junior Yearling Heifers - born between March 1, 2016 and May 31, 2016.
6. Intermediate Senior Yearling Heifers - born between December 1, 2015 and February 28, 2016.
7. Senior Yearling Heifers - born between September 1, 2015 and November 30, 2015.
8. Junior Champion.

9. Two year Olds - 2 years old and under 3 years - born between September 1, 2014 and August 31, 2015. (This class may be divided into dry 2 year olds, not yet fresh, and milking 2 year olds.)
10. 3 & 4 year olds - Milking cows that are born between September 1, 2011 and August 31, 2014.
11. Aged Cows - 5 years old and over - born prior to September 1, 2011.
12. Dry Cows – calved and freshened at least once, dry at least one week
13. Senior Champion.
14. Grand Champion.
15. Best of Show, the grand champion of each breed will compete for overall breed Champion
16. Best 4-H Bred Animal (all breeds)
17. Produce of Dam – two females, any aged, from the same dam; they may be shown by two different 4-H club members.
18. Dam & Daughter – may be shown by two different 4-H club members.
19. 4-H Farm Herd (each breed) – three females, any age, exhibited by at least two different 4-H
20. Beginner Fitting (first year, any grade, may be divided into 4-8 grade and 9-13 grade)
21. Beginner Showmanship (first year, any grade may be divided into 4-8 grade and 9-13 grade)
22. Junior Fitting (grades 5-8)
23. Junior Showmanship (grades 5-8)
24. Senior Fitting (grades 9-13)
25. Senior Showmanship (grades 9-13)
26. Best Fitted Animal
27. Best Beginner Dairy Record Book (first year, any grade)
28. Best Junior Dairy Record Book (grades 5-8)
29. Best Senior Dairy Record Book (grades 9-13)

AWARDS

Best Beginner Dairy Record Book
 Best Junior Dairy Record Book
 Best Senior Dairy Record Book
 Best of Show
 Best 4-H Bred Animal
 Best Beginner Fitter
 Beginner Fitter
 Best Junior Fitter
 Best Senior Fitter
 Best Fitted Animal
 Best Beginner Showman
 Best Junior Showman
 Best Senior Showman
 Ayrshire- Grand and Reserve Champion
 Brown Swiss- Grand and Reserve Champion
 Guernsey- Grand and Reserve Champion
 Holstein- Grand and Reserve Champion
 Jersey- Grand and Reserve Champion
 Outstanding Dairy Herdsman

Cloverbud/Prep members will receive participation ribbons