

DAIRY CATTLE

Superintendent - Mike Eilers, Urbana

Dairy Cattle will be stalled in the Cattle Barn and shown in the Livestock Pavilion.

DAIRY CATTLE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, August 11

8:00 a.m. Earliest time of arrival for Open and 4-H/FFA cattle
No animals allowed on grounds before 8:00 a.m. Tuesday. No exceptions.

Wednesday, August 12

5:00 a.m. Parlor opens for first official milking
9:00 a.m. All Dairy Cattle must be in
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Open and 4-H/FFA entries checked

Thursday, August 13

9:00 a.m. Brown Swiss Show, Guernsey Show and Jersey Show
11:45 a.m. All Breed Novice Show
Noon Resume shows with Cow Class
7:30 p.m. Open Show Exhibitors' Meeting - Penningroth Sale Ring
Robert Masee Sportsmanship Award Presentation

Friday, August 14

8:30 a.m. Holstein Show
9:00 a.m. Ayrshire Show and Milking Shorthorn Show
11:45 a.m. Kiddie Cattle Capers
Noon Resume shows with the Cow Class
Supreme Champions will be selected during a ceremony 30 minutes after the completion of the breed shows
5:00 p.m. 4-H/FFA Dairy Showmanship
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Open Class Non Champion Exhibitors Released (**cattle released according to zones assigned by Superintendent**) *

Saturday, August 15

8:30 a.m. 4-H/FFA All Breed Dairy Cattle Show
5:00 p.m. (or after Gov. Steer Show) All Dairy Cattle Released (**cattle released according to zones assigned by Superintendent**) *

* Release of exhibits will be by zone. No trailers or vehicles will be allowed on the grounds until zone release time and must have release tag displayed in order to enter. Release tags will be available to each exhibitor in the Cattle Barn Office starting at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 14 and not during show hours.

Sunday, August 16

7:00 a.m. All Dairy Cattle must be off the Fairgrounds

For questions, please contact the Iowa State Fair Entry Department at 515-262-3111 ext. 247 or cattle@iowastatefair.org.

RULES

1. Open Class Livestock general rules, regulations and health requirements apply in this department. In case general rules conflict with Dairy Cattle Department general or special rules, the latter shall govern.
2. **SUBMITTING ENTRIES.** Entries **must be made online** at <https://www.iowastatefair.org/>.
3. **ENTRY DEADLINE IS JULY 1.** ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED ON OR BEFORE JULY 1.
4. **ENTRY FEES.** Each exhibitor, as a requirement for entry, will pay an entry fee of \$25 per animal.
5. **4-H AND FFA ANIMALS.** Exhibitors entering in 4-H or FFA Classes may also enter their dairy animals in corresponding Open Classes by paying the additional \$10 4-H/FFA fee and making entry on the Open Class entry form on or before July 1. **Please note that this \$10 fee is in addition to fees you must also pay through 4-H and/or FFA.** Animals must also be nominated and entered through 4-H and/or FFA online.
6. **LATE ENTRIES.** Entries submitted July 2 - July 8 will be charged a late fee of \$10 per head in addition to regular entry fees. **No entries will be accepted after July 8.** Entries are accepted according to earliest postmark.
7. **REFUNDS.** No refunds of fees will be made unless cancellation is received **IN WRITING** (letter or e-mail) by July 21. No refunds will be given on tickets, wristbands or vehicle permits. **No refunds of \$10 or less will be issued.** Refunds will be made by mail after the close of the Fair (separate from premium checks).
8. **ADMISSION TO THE FAIR.** Each exhibitor must purchase two discounted admission tickets at \$11 each when making entry. Additional tickets may be purchased. Discounted tickets for children 6-11 years old may be purchased for \$7 each. Without admission tickets, the full price of \$16 (adults) and \$10 (children) per day will be charged at the gate.
9. **UNLOAD PERMITS.** Each exhibitor will be given one unload permit. This permit allows a maximum of 30 minutes to unload animals and tack but does **not** provide parking.
10. **VEHICLE PERMITS.** Each exhibitor may purchase a vehicle parking permit at \$10 per day. Each exhibitor is limited to two Fairgrounds lot permits per day. **The first permit will be issued for Lot L; the second permit will be issued for an alternate Fairgrounds lot.** Vehicle permits must be purchased in advance by indicating the specific days needed on the Entry Form. Each vehicle permit will park one car or truck (no trailers) in a Fairgrounds lot for the specified day(s). Vehicle permits are required to park in Fairgrounds lots on a space available basis. Parking will **not** be available at the gate.

ELIGIBILITY OF ANIMALS

11. **REGISTRATION.** Please give all information requested on the entry form. **All animals must be registered with current registration papers available by July 15.** Identity enrollment cattle, VIP or grade cattle are not eligible. Animal registration information must be listed on entry form. **No registration transfers will be accepted at the Fair.** No phone registrations will be accepted. Original paper copy must be presented.
12. **SUBSTITUTION.** Substitution of animals entered will be permitted within and outside a class, providing the request for substitution is accompanied by reasons satisfactory to the Dairy Cattle Superintendent and that the animal to be substituted is owned by the exhibitor at time of exhibition. All requests for substitutions of this kind and the reasons therefore together with division, class, catalog number, name, date of birth and registry number of the animal being substituted, shall be submitted on the Fairgrounds to the Dairy Cattle Superintendent for approval, not later than 24 hours prior to date of showing. **This is the only rule relative to substitution that applies to Open Class Dairy Cattle.**

13. Health papers will be collected and checked by the individual breed clerk at check-in time. Papers must be approved by State Fair Veterinarian prior to check-in.

STALLS / BARN

14. **All animals must be stalled. No cattle are to be kept in trailers.** The Dairy Cattle Superintendent can reassign stalls based on entries and available space. No alterations will be allowed without consent of Superintendent.
15. Common bedding will be used in the barns for all dairy cattle. The stalls will be bedded by the Iowa State Fair Maintenance Department. No alternative bedding will be allowed on the Fairgrounds. Exhibitors will be allowed to purchase additional bedding to freshen stalls, but there will be a standard depth maintained.
16. Stalling requests will not be accepted after close of entries. Requests may only contain exhibitor groups as entered. No specific bedding requests may be made. Stalling modifications in your stalling area will NOT be made by the Iowa State Fair Maintenance Department.
17. Farm Displays are encouraged but may be limited if stalling space is not available.
18. **All animals must be properly cared for. Animals and surrounding area must be kept clean and neat. If improper care does exist, exhibitor may be asked to leave and to forfeit all premiums.**
19. **FANS. To improve air circulation in the barn all fans should be facing toward the WEST side of the barn or from the wash racks.**
20. **Clipping chutes are not allowed in the aisles and must be broken down when not in use.**
21. All personal bedding must be properly stored by 7:00 a.m. Stalling area must be kept clean and orderly at all times. Failure to keep your designated area clean and presentable may result in premiums withheld and/or sanctions from future shows. **No tents are allowed in the barn.** Additional housing is available in the Youth Inn with a per night registration fee. Reservations are accepted beginning April 1.

ARRIVAL / RELEASE

22. **Late arrivals will not be accepted and early releases to other fairs will not be granted without advance permission of the Superintendent.**
23. Premiums will be withheld by the Iowa State Fair if cattle and equipment are not out of stalls according to the schedule as determined by the Superintendent.

MILK OUT / ULTRASOUND

24. Milking out of cow classes in the ring may be required.
25. Grand and Reserve Grand Champions of each breed will be escorted to the milking parlor for a complete milk out inspection following the show.
26. Ultrasounding may be required on all Grand and Reserve Grand Champion cows along with First and Second Place cows from each breed class.

LIVESTOCK PAVILION

27. **NEW IN 2026:** No aerosol cans may be used in the Livestock Pavilion.

SHOW RING CODE OF ETHICS

The showing of registered dairy cattle is an important part of the promotion, merchandising and breeding program of many breeders. Additionally, it is an important part of the program of the various dairy breed associations to stimulate and sustain interest in breeding registered dairy cattle. This relates to both spectators and exhibitors. In this connection, the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association, the Iowa PDCC and the Iowa State Fair believe that it is in the best interest of the breeders of registered dairy cattle to maintain a reputation of integrity and to present a wholesome and progressive image of their cattle in the show ring.

It is recognized there are certain practices in the proper care and management of dairy cattle that are necessary in the course of moving dairy cattle to and between shows that are advisable to keep them in a sound, healthy state so they might be presented in the show ring in a natural and normal condition. Conversely, the following practices or procedures are considered unacceptable in the show ring of cattle.

- A. The following practices or procedures are considered unacceptable and defined as being fraudulent and/or unethical in the show ring of registered cattle:
1. Misrepresenting the age and/or milking status of the animal for the class in which it is shown.
 2. Treating the animal, particularly the udder, internally or externally, with an irritant or counter-irritant, or other substance to artificially improve the conformation.
 3. Surgery or insertion of foreign matter under the skin, performed to change the natural contour of appearance of the animal's body, though not to preclude practices required or involved in normal management.
 4. Criticizing or interfering with the judge, show management or other exhibitors while in the show ring, or other conduct detrimental to the breed or the show.
- B. Setting teats or manipulating a teat or alter its normal position such as to unnaturally hold it plumb or to alter its length is unacceptable and shall be given slight to serious discrimination by the judge.
- C. The following practices and procedures are considered to detract from the image of the show ring when carried to excess and will be given slight to serious discrimination in placing within class:
1. Excessive manipulation of hair.
 2. Use of artificial hair except for false switches.
 3. Unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of show person.
- D. The following practices should be encouraged to enhance the image of the show:
1. Establish uniform dress code for exhibitors in the show ring.
 2. Recognize good herdsmanship and exhibits in the barn.
- E. **Only one person per animal shall lead an animal in the show ring.**

In keeping with the basic philosophy of the PDCA, ethics are an individual responsibility of the owner of each animal shown. **Violation of the Show Ring Code of Ethics as determined by Fair officials will result in disqualification of the animal/exhibitor. The exhibitor may also be banned from showing in future years.**

SPECIAL BREED RULES

Ayrshire - All animals exhibiting in the International Ayrshire Show must be verified as at least 87% Ayrshire by the U.S. Ayrshire Breeders' Association.

Brown Swiss - Standard Registration Certificate-which is white with a green border is issued for Registered Brown Swiss Females and Certified Identity Enrolled Females (CIE). Brown Swiss Step II Identity Enrollment (IE) animals have a green registration paper with black border may also be shown. Animals with other colored papers cannot be shown.

Guernsey - Animals are eligible when recorded by the American Guernsey Association in the Herd Register with registry status of 'PR-' or above. The standards for Guernsey Appearance remain in effect.

Holstein - Animals with 87% Registered Holstein Ancestry (RHA) and above are eligible to show. Animals are eligible to show in only one breed show.

Jersey - Animals are eligible when recorded by the American Jersey Cattle Association in the Herd Register or with Generation Count 4 or greater.

Milking Shorthorn - All United States animals must be registered in the full herdbook of the American Milking Shorthorn Society and have registry certificates issued by the American Milking Shorthorn Society. The certificate must be white and does not have the words "Not eligible to show" printed near the Executive Secretary signature or as a watermark across the page. Animals with a prefix of GI, GI2, GR and GE are not eligible to be shown. Females with a 36000 or 37000 registration number are not eligible to be shown. Tattoo numbers, Fair Tags and/or RFIDtags must correspond with the registry certificates.

EXHIBITOR'S MEETING

A meeting of all dairy cattle exhibitors will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 13 in the Cattle Barn Penningroth Sale Ring. The purpose of this meeting is to give exhibitors a chance to share suggestions with the Superintendent. **JUDGE RECOMMENDATIONS for the next year's State Fair will also take place at this meeting.**

DAIRY PARLOR

A "Dairy Parlor" will be in operation during the Iowa State Fair. Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to use the Dairy Parlor.

In order to market milk, exhibitors must use the milking facility and adhere to the milking schedule set up by the Dairy Cattle Superintendent.

Do not offer milk for sale from cows treated with any antibiotics for a period of at least 72 hours after the last treatment. Random sampling of cattle will occur to check for antibiotic residues. If a tank of milk is found to be positive and a sample is found to be positive, that exhibitor will pay assessment for contaminated load of milk along with having their premiums withheld and all subsequent milk from that exhibitor's cattle will need to be dumped. These procedures are in place to help ensure safe and clean sale of milk.

The parlor will open at 5:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 12 for the first official milking.

CLASSIFICATION FOR OPEN DIVISIONS

FEMALES All Breeds

Spring Heifer Calf -- born March 1, 2026 - May 31, 2026
Winter Heifer Calf -- born December 1, 2025 - February 28, 2026
Fall Heifer Calf -- born September 1, 2025 - November 30, 2025
Summer Yearling Heifer -- born June 1, 2025 - August 31, 2025
Spring Yearling Heifer -- born March 1, 2025 - May 31, 2025
Winter Yearling Heifer -- born December 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025
Fall Yearling Heifer -- born September 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024
Fall Yearling in Milk -- born after September 1, 2024
Summer Junior Two Year Old Cow -- born June 1, 2024 - August 31, 2024
Junior Two Year Old Cow -- born March 1, 2024 - May 31, 2024
Senior Two Year Old Cow -- born September 1, 2023 - February 29, 2024
Junior Three Year Old Cow -- born March 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023
Senior Three Year Old Cow -- born September 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023
Four Year Old Cow -- born September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022
Five Year Old Cow -- born September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021
Aged Cow, 6 Years Old and Over -- born before September 1, 2020
Lifetime Production Cow

Ayrshire - 100,000 pounds milk
Brown Swiss - 7500 pounds combined fat and protein
Guernsey - total performance milk production + CFP
Holstien - 150,000 pounds milk
Jersey - 100,000 pounds milk
Milking Shorthorn - total production

Cow page must be provided with entry and days of milk. Must have official DHI testing sheets for entry.

GROUPS

Must be entered prior to show date.

Junior Best Three Females - Three females bred and at least two owned by the exhibitor, born after August 31, 2024. Limit of one entry per exhibitor. No partnership bred (other than within family or farm entity) or syndicate bred animals are eligible unless the exhibitor is listed as that partnership or syndicate. Registration papers will be checked in the ring.

Best Four Head Owned by Exhibitor - four animals, females only, owned by exhibitor, limit of one entry per exhibitor. Additional premiums will only be offered if information is provided before start of show. Additional premiums will be paid as follows:

- (a) 25% additional premium when three of the four animals are offspring of the same sire.
- (b) 25% additional premium when the best four contain a produce (two animals, any age, the produce of one cow). Additional premium paid on only one produce.
- (c) 25% additional premium when two of the animals are dam and daughter. Additional premium paid on only one dam and daughter combinations.

Designations as to what additional premiums the Best Four Head Group is entitled to can be made in the show ring. Exhibitors must bring registration papers to the ring.

Best Three Head Bred and Owned by Exhibitor - Three females bred and at least two owned by the exhibitor (any age), limit of one entry per exhibitor. No partnership bred (other than within family or farm entity) or syndicate bred animals are eligible unless the exhibitor is listed as that partnership or syndicate. Registration papers will be checked in the ring.

All animals showing in the group classes must have been exhibited in individual classes.

CLASS NUMBERS FOR DAIRY BREED SHOWS

Enter by Division and Class, giving all information asked for on official entry forms.

	Ayrshire Division 20	Brown Swiss Division 21	Guernsey Division 22	Holstein Division 23	Jersey Division 24	Milking Shorthorn Division 25
Spring Heifer Calf	301	321	341	361	381	401
Winter Heifer Calf	302	322	342	362	382	402
Fall Heifer Calf	303	323	343	363	383	403
Summer Yearling Heifer	304	324	344	364	384	404
Spring Yearling Heifer	305	325	345	365	385	405
Winter Yearling Heifer	306	326	346	366	386	406
Fall Yearling Heifer (not in milk)	307	327	347	367	387	407
Junior Best Three Females	308	328	348	368	388	408
Fall Yearling in Milk	309	329	349	369	389	409
Summer Junior 2 Year Old Cow	310	330	350	370	390	410
Junior 2 Year Old Cow	311	331	351	371	391	411
Senior 2 Year Old Cow	312	332	352	372	392	412
Junior 3 Year Old Cow	313	333	353	373	393	413
Senior 3 Year Old Cow	314	334	354	374	394	414
Cow 4 Years Old	315	335	355	375	395	415
Cow 5 Years Old	316	336	356	376	396	416
Aged Cow	317	337	357	377	397	417
Lifetime Production	318	338	358	378	398	418
Best Three Head	319	339	359	379	399	419
Best Four Head	320	340	360	380	400	420

PREMIUM SCHEDULE FOR ALL BREEDS

<i>Heifer Classes and Junior Best Three:</i>							
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
\$44.00	\$38.50	\$33.00	\$27.50	\$16.50	\$13.20	\$8.80	\$8.80

<i>Cow Classes:</i>							
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
\$55.00	\$44.00	\$38.50	\$30.80	\$22.00	\$16.50	\$11.00	\$8.80

<i>Best Three Head, Best Four Head and Lifetime Production Classes:</i>							
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
\$125.00	\$110.00	\$90.00	\$75.00	\$60.00	\$50.00	\$40.00	\$30.00

BRED AND OWNED AWARDS

The top animal bred and owned by the same Iowa exhibitor will be recognized in each of the individual classes. No partnership bred or owned other than within family or farm entity, or syndicate bred or owned animals are eligible unless the exhibitor is listed as that partnership or syndicate. A champion female bred and owned by the same Iowa exhibitor will be designated.

CHAMPION AWARDS

- Junior Champion Female (each breed) Banner; Reserve - Banner
- Intermediate Champion Female (each breed) Banner; Reserve - Banner
- Senior Champion Female (each breed)..... Banner; Reserve - Banner
- Grand Champion Female (each breed) Banner; Reserve - Banner

SUPREME CHAMPION AWARDS

The Supreme Champions will be announced during a ceremony 30 minutes after the completion of the breed shows on Friday, August 14. The Grand Champion Female from each breed will compete for the Supreme Dairy Cow Champion. The Junior Champion from each breed will compete for the Supreme Dairy Heifer Champion.

- Supreme Dairy Cow Champion (over all breeds) Banner and \$500 sponsored by **Prairie Farms Dairy**
- Reserve Supreme Dairy Cow (over all breeds) Banner and \$100 sponsored by **Gibbs Holsteins**
- Supreme Dairy Heifer Champion (over all breeds) Banner and \$250 sponsored by **Schulte Bros.**
- Reserve Supreme Dairy Heifer Champion (over all breeds)..... Banner and \$100

BEST UDDER

First and Second place Best Udder from each of the milking classes will be selected by the judge.

PREMIER AWARDS

PREMIER BREEDER: A Premier Breeder banner and a Reserve Premier Breeder banner will be awarded in each breed to the breeder of not to exceed six animals accumulating the most points in Open single classes, including animals bred by him and/or exhibited by others. Scale of points will be the same as that for Premier Exhibitor.

Premier breeder points will be awarded to the breeder as listed on the registration papers. Family partnership bred animals or animals bred by members of the same farm entity will be listed as one breeder. Other partnership or syndicate bred animals will have points awarded to the partnership or syndicate and not to individual members of the partnership or syndicate.

PREMIER EXHIBITOR: A Premier Exhibitor banner and a Reserve Premier Exhibitor banner will be awarded in each breed to the exhibitor winning the most points of not to exceed six animals owned and exhibited by himself in Open single classes.

Exhibitor must be owner or member of partnership owning animal. In case a herd is registered in the names of different members of a family residing on one farm or where the herd is one unit, all entries shall be considered as a single exhibitor for Premier Exhibitor or Best Four Head Class.

The point system for determining Premier Exhibitor and Premier Breeder is as follows:

Placings	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Points for Senior Females	20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2
Points for Junior Females	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

In the case of a tie the award will be presented to the individual who earned the most points by animals shown in the milking cow classes. Second Tiebreaker - most points by individual heifer.

DAIRY HERDSMAN AWARDS - DIVISION 26

The Iowa State Fair will award a trophy to the first place herdsman. The top ten exhibitors will be recognized before the end of the show on Saturday, August 15. Arrival times must be adhered to in order to be eligible for herdsmanship recognition. Milking cattle must regularly go through the Dairy Parlor to be eligible for herdsmanship awards. Premiums will be paid as follows: 1st - \$200, 2nd - \$150, 3rd - \$100.

A committee named by the Superintendent will make inspections throughout the progress of the dairy show and score on the following basis:

Cleanliness of stalls and animals.....	40
Cleanliness of aisles and general attractiveness.....	30
Keep all equipment sanitary and neat	15
Cooperation with Show Management.....	15
Total	100

Booths are judged as part of a total exhibit, but are not a requirement in determining Herdsman Awards.

IOWA STATE DAIRY SHOW - DIVISION 27

The following rules apply only to the Iowa State Dairy Show. Premiums in this division will be paid on a zone basis to Iowa exhibitors and will be in addition to those of the Open Show.

RULES

1. Qualifying animals must be Iowa owned. All owners of record based on the registration paper must be from Iowa. Zone must be listed on entry form to collect awards. Entries missing this information will be voided for award.
2. A limit of 10 Iowa State Show premiums can be paid to any one exhibitor of record.
3. Premiums will be paid on a zone basis according to the map. Premiums will be Zone 1 - \$8, Zone 2 - \$10 and Zone 3 - \$12.
4. Exhibitors need not qualify their animals at a district show to be eligible for Iowa State Dairy Show premiums.
5. Exhibitors must comply with all Open Show rules to receive Iowa State Dairy Show premiums.
6. An Iowa Champion Female will be named in each breed show.

IOWA STATE DAIRY PRODUCTION AWARDS - DIVISION 28

The Iowa State Dairy Show fund provides cash awards for the top two milk and combined fat and protein records in the Junior 3 Year Old, Senior 3 Year Old, 4 Year Old, 5 Year Old and Aged Cow Classes. Premiums will be in addition to those of the Open Show.

RULES

The following applies only to the Iowa State Dairy Production Awards.

1. Animals must be Iowa owned. All owners of record based on the registration paper must be from Iowa.
2. Production information must be provided on the back of the individual entry form. Exhibitors who do not process DHI records with Dairy Records Management Systems with offices in Ames, IA and Raleigh, NC must submit official production records with the entry form in order to be eligible. The highest record made should be submitted. This does not necessarily have to be the current record. (Exhibitors are encouraged to bring official production record forms with them, to insure verification of records and will be required to for added entries or substitutes.)
3. Only official 305 day or less actual DHI or DHIR records will qualify for recognition.
4. Animals must meet the following production requirements by age group in order to be eligible for production awards.

BREED	3 Year Old		4 Year Old, 5 Year Old & Aged	
	Milk	CFP	Milk	CFP
Ayrshire	13554	990	15060	1100
Brown Swiss	15866	1204	17629	1338
Guernsey	12536	1013	13929	1126
Holstein	17599	1222	19554	1358
Jersey	12236	1032	13596	1147
Milking Shorthorn	10610	761	11789	846

In each of the Junior 3 Year Old, Senior 3 Year Old, 4 Year Old, 5 Year Old and Aged Cow Classes, premiums will be awarded as follows:

1st for Milk - \$40, 2nd for Milk - \$20 and 1st for Combined Fat & Protein - \$40, 2nd for Combined Fat & Protein - \$20.

ALL BREED NOVICE SHOW

Livestock Pavilion

Thursday, August 13 at 11:45 a.m.

The Novice Show is open to anyone ages 5-11. Entry must be made by 7:00 a.m. on the day of the show at the Cattle Barn Office. The calf must be born after November 30, 2025. The class will be judged 25% on the calf and 75% on the showmanship of the individual exhibitor. All breeds will show together. The show will be divided into three divisions based on age. The age break will be determined at the show. Previous winners are not eligible to compete. The contest is sponsored by the **Iowa Purebred Dairy Cattle Council**. Awards will be given.

KIDDIE CATTLE CAPERS

Livestock Pavilion

Friday, August 14 at 11:45 a.m.

"Kiddie Cattle Capers" is open to anyone 12 years of age and under who wishes to lead a dairy animal in the show ring. Contestants must use a live dairy animal and must dress the animal and exhibitor with a theme that promotes the dairy industry and the Iowa State Fair theme. The contest is sponsored by the **Iowa Purebred Dairy Cattle Council**.

Judging will be based on the costumes and themes of both the child (children) and animal. All contestants will receive prizes and ribbons. Top winners will receive cash: 1st - \$30, 2nd - \$25, 3rd - \$20 and all remaining groups - \$10.

Contestants may pick up entry forms beginning opening day of the Iowa State Fair at the Cattle Barn Office. Entries must be turned in to the Dairy Cattle Superintendent by 8:00 a.m. on the day of the show.

ROBERT MASSEE SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

The **Robert Massee Sportsmanship Award** is presented at the Iowa State Fair every year to a dairy cattle exhibitor who excels in endeavor, ability and sportsmanship both in and outside the show ring.

Robert Massee was a well known Jersey breeder who passed away in 1987. He was a master showman. He started showing cattle at the Iowa State Fair when he was 4-H age and through his entire life. Five of his friends, Rosie Nabholz, Ron Gruenwald, Mark Lohmen, Allen Ehrman and Gene Henderson purchased a calf at his dispersal. When she became a cow they sold her and the proceeds were used to start this award in his honor.

Each year at the Iowa State Fair all the former members present at the Fair meet and determine who will be on the ballot for the coming year. In July, before the Fair, a ballot is sent to all the past recipients. The winning selection is presented at the Fair in August. The first award was presented in 1990.

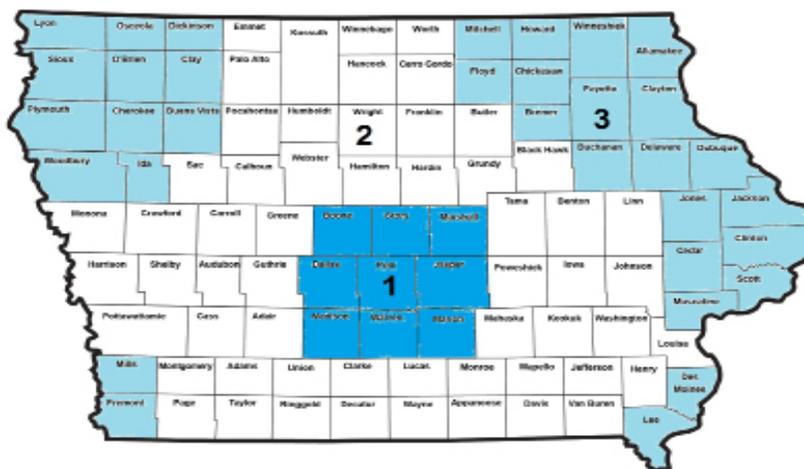
Past recipients are: Don Hoover, 1990; Ken Core, 1991; Ruth McHone, 1992; L. Claire Gates, 1993; Harry Lorenz, 1994; Elmer Paper, 1995; Marsha Shaver-Floyd, 1996; Maurice Meyer, 1997; Lee Barber, 1998; Dave Koss, 1999; Dan Walther, 2000; Gene Henderson, 2001; Dale and Arlene Gerlach, 2002; Allen Ehrman, 2003; Lyon Jerseys, 2004; Jim Pflughaupt, 2005; Galen Fick, 2006; Joe Simon, 2007; Tom Sickles, 2008; Don Eilers, 2009; Maynard Lang, 2010; Randy Franck, 2011; Larry Madren, 2012; Rick Hendersen, 2013; Mark Schulte, 2014; Dan Sivesind, 2015; Joe Gibbs, 2016; Chad Sickles, 2017; Cary Bierschenk, 2018; Lynne Wingert, 2019; Rhonda Hefel, 2021; Bill Norton, 2022 and Tom Kruse, 2023.

SPECIAL BREED AWARDS

The **Iowa Jersey Cattle Club** will provide a heifer statue for the Junior Champion Jersey.

IOWA STATE FAIR DAIRY SHOW ZONE MAP

Premiums for the Iowa State Fair Dairy Show will be paid on a zone basis. The state has been divided into three zones according to the distance from Des Moines. **Zone 1:** Boone, Dallas, Jasper, Madison, Marshall, Marion, Polk, Story and Warren. **Zone 2:** Adair, Adams, Appanoose, Audubon, Benton, Black Hawk, Butler, Calhoun, Carroll, Cass, Cerro Gordo, Clarke, Crawford, Davis, Decatur, Emmet, Franklin, Greene, Grundy, Guthrie, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Harrison, Henry, Humboldt, Iowa, Jefferson, Johnson, Keokuk, Kossuth, Linn, Louisa, Lucas, Mahaska, Monona, Monroe, Montgomery, Page, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Pottawattamie, Poweshiek, Ringgold, Sac, Shelby, Tama, Taylor, Union, Van Buren, Wapello, Washington, Wayne, Webster, Winnebago, Worth and Wright. **Zone 3:** Allamakee, Bremer, Buchanan, Buena Vista, Cedar, Cherokee, Chickasaw, Clay, Clayton, Clinton, Delaware, Des Moines, Dickinson, Dubuque, Fayette, Floyd, Fremont, Howard, Ida, Jackson, Jones, Lee, Lyon, Mills, Mitchell, Muscatine, O'Brien, Osceola, Plymouth, Scott, Sioux, Winneshiek and Woodbury.



Exhibitor zone information **MUST** be provided on the entry form to qualify for Iowa State Fair Dairy Show premiums.