

YOUTH DAIRY CATTLE DEPARTMENT

4-H Supervisor of Exhibits - Mike Eilers

FFA Supervisor of Exhibits - James Abbas

**SCHEDULE:**

**Tuesday, August 6**

8:00 a.m. Dairy Cattle may arrive

**Wednesday, August 7**

9:00 - 11:00 a.m. T-shirts & exhibitor numbers must be picked up by the Cattle Barn Office

9:00 a.m. Dairy Cattle must be in

9 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Entries checked – please remain at your stalls and wait for check-in crews to come to you

4:00 p.m. All substitute showmanship forms must be submitted to the Superintendent

**Thursday, August 8**

4:00 p.m. Dairy Awards Program (Penningroth Sale Center)

**Friday, August 9**

5:00 p.m. Showmanship

**Saturday, August 10**

8:30 a.m. Youth Dairy Cattle Show - Livestock Pavilion

5:00 p.m. Dairy Cattle released by zone

**Sunday, August 11**

7:00 a.m. Dairy Cattle must be out

**ENTRY DEADLINE - JULY 1 through FairEntry (4hOnline)**

**RULES**

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations, 4-H General Rules and Regulations and 4-H Livestock Rules and Regulations apply in this department.
2. The entry fee is \$25 per head and must be paid with entry. **No Refunds.**  
Common bedding will be used in the barns for all dairy cattle. The stalls will be bedded by the Iowa State Fair Maintenance Staff with the fee included in the entry fee. No alternative bedding will be allowed on the grounds. Exhibitors will be allowed to purchase additional bedding to freshen stalls, but there will be a standard depth maintained.
3. Exhibitors may enter up to **six** head with no more than two entries per class.
4. 4-H animals must have been identified in 4hOnline by May 15.
5. Entries are open to registered and identified grade dairy animals that meet the stated 4-H & FFA and State Fair rules and regulations and were born before May 1, 2023. Animals entered are limited to those identified as either a 4-H or FFA project, but not both. Exhibitors may NOT show as both a 4-H and FFA exhibitor.
6. Registered cattle may be entered in corresponding Open Classes provided additional entry is made on or before July 1 on an Open Class entry form, accompanied by an additional \$10 Open Class entry fee for each head. 4-H or FFA dairy animals also entered in the Open Classes must be entered in the same name as shown on the certificate of registry. All such entries are subject to Open Class rules.
7. Any yearling heifer that has freshened prior to time of judging must be evaluated in a 2-year-old class.
8. Each animal must be properly identified. Animals must have 2 out of 3 of the following identification methods recorded in 4hOnline by May 15:
  - a. Tag/Ear Tattoo; or
  - b. Registration Number; or
  - c. DHIA metal tag ID numberAll levels of registry are acceptable. Registration papers or identified grade papers must match the animal.
9. **SUBSTITUTIONS** - Exhibitors may substitute provided the substitute animal was listed in 4hOnline by May 15.
10. Animals exhibited in this department must be housed in stalls designated by the Show Supervisors or forfeit all premiums earned. It shall be the prerogative of the Show Supervisors to reduce the number of stalls assigned to a county or chapter to the number actually required.
11. All animals will be judged on conformation only.
12. Placings will be made in four ribbon groups: purple, blue, red and white. Animals will be placed in numerical order within ribbon groupings. The number of animals in each grouping will be at the discretion of the judge.
13. First and Second place winners from calf and yearling classes will compete for Junior Champion. First and Second place in each of the 2 and 3 Yr Old cow classes are eligible for Intermediate Champion. First and Second place in each of the 4 Yr Old and Aged old cow classes are eligible for Senior Champion. Junior, Intermediate and Senior Champions will compete for Grand Champion.
14. **PREMIUMS AND RIBBONS** - Each entry will receive a ribbon (purple, blue, red or white) in each class. Monetary premiums will be paid to the top three entries in each class. Premiums paid will be \$40, 25, 15. Premium amounts for classes 2-year old or older will be \$50, 30, 25.
15. If numbers in class warrant, the Show Supervisors will split classes accordingly.

**REGISTERED DAIRY - DIVISION 10**

(All levels of Registry are acceptable)

Classes listed below are for the following breeds: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey and Milking Shorthorn.

- Spring Heifer Calf -- born March 1, 2024 - May 31, 2024
- Winter Heifer Calf -- born December 1, 2023 - February 29, 2024
- Fall Heifer Calf -- born September 1, 2023 - November 30, 2023
- Summer Yearling Heifer -- born June 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023
- Spring Yearling Heifer -- born March 1, 2023 - May 31, 2023
- Winter Yearling Heifer -- born December 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023
- Fall Yearling Heifer -- born September 1, 2022 - November 30, 2022
- Junior Best 3 Females
- Fall Yearling in Milk -- born after September 1, 2022
- Summer Junior Two Year Old Cow -- born June 1, 2022 - August 31, 2022
- Junior Two Year Old Cow -- born March 1, 2022 - May 31, 2022
- Senior Two Year Old Cow -- born September 1, 2021 - February 28, 2022
- Junior Three Year Old Cow -- born March 1, 2021 - August 31, 2021
- Senior Three Year Old Cow -- born September 1, 2020 - February 28, 2021
- Four Year Old Cow -- born September 1, 2019 - August 31, 2020
- Five Year Old Cow -- born September 1, 2018 - August 31, 2019
- Aged Cow, 6 Years Old and Over -- born before September 1, 2018

\*\* When fewer than three animals are shown in the classes for Four Year Old Cow, Five Year Old Cow and Aged Cow, the three classes will be combined to form a class for "Cows Four Years and Older".

**DAIRY HERD - DIVISION 11**

1. The Dairy Herd shall consist of three animals, all of one breed; all entered and shown in the individual classes and owned by one exhibitor. (Limit, one herd per exhibitor.) One animal must be the produce of one of the exhibitor's FFA or 4-H project animals. Registered and Identified Grade Herds will be shown together as one class.
2. Monetary premiums will be paid to the top three entries in each class. Premiums paid will be \$15, 12, 9.

**CLASS**

- Ayrshire
- Brown Swiss
- Guernsey
- Holstein
- Jersey
- Milking Shorthorn

**DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP**

All dairy exhibitors are encouraged to participate in the Dairy Showmanship Contest. There will be three divisions for Dairy Showmanship. Showmanship classes will be divided as follows: Juniors - completed grades 5 & 6; Intermediates - completed grades 7 & 8; Seniors - completed grades 9 and above. Belt buckles will be awarded to the top two winners of each age division (provided that exhibitor has not received a belt buckle in the past).

**YOUTH DAIRY CATTLE SPECIALS**

The **Dairy Science Club at Iowa State University** will award a trophy to the top Junior, Intermediate and Senior Dairy Showmanship winner.

The **Holstein Foundation**, Brattleboro, VT, offers ribbons for the first five places in each Holstein class and a Champion and Reserve Champion Rosette.

The **Iowa Ayrshire Breeders Association** will sponsor a Junior, Intermediate and Senior Showmanship award in the Youth Dairy Show. A recipient may win this award one time only.

The **Iowa Ayrshire Breeders Association** will provide a show halter for the Grand Champion Ayrshire Female.

The **Iowa Holstein Association** offers a trophy to the Grand Champion Holstein Female.

The **Iowa Jersey Cattle Club** will award a show halter to the Grand Champion Jersey Female.

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

The **Iowa Jersey Cattle Club** will provide an award for the top Jersey exhibitor in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior division of Dairy Showmanship.

The **Iowa Milking Shorthorn Society** offers a trophy to the Grand Champion Milking Shorthorn Female.