

## Department 01 - Dairy Cattle Junior Division

Superintendents:

**Check-In Time & Day** – 1 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Thursday of the Fair  
**Judging Time & Day** – 9 a.m. on Saturday of the Fair  
**Check Out** – 4 p.m. on Sunday of the Fair



### **ADDITIONAL RULES OF ENTRY**

- Youth eligible to exhibit in this department are those enrolled in a 4H, FFA, or other approved youth group carrying a similar supervised program in a Dairy Cattle project area.
- There are no limits on classes to be shown by any junior exhibitor.
- Only one entry may be entered under each lot number.
- To be eligible to be shown at the fair, dairy animals must have been in the herd and part of the member's project for at least 90 days before Fair.
- Note: Adventures in Dairyland is now in Department 10-A: Animal and Veterinary Science.

### **REQUIREMENTS, REGULATIONS & RULES:**

A complete list of animal exhibit rules can be found in the '**General Rules for Junior Division Exhibitors**' section of the premium book. All rules within that section of the premium book apply, in addition to the information documented herein.

#### **Animal Identification:**

- Dairy cattle to be exhibited at the fair must be identified on the '*Dairy Cattle Pre-Identification*' form
  - A copy of this form is available on the Oconto County Youth Fair website.
  - This form is to be turned into the Superintendents during check-in on entry day, at which time the identification of the animal will be verified.
  - This procedure meets the fair's record keeping requirement under Wisconsin DATCP
  - This document must be signed and fully completed, **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- Exhibitors are to list the permanent identification and birth date of the animals in each class that they intend to show.
- Permanent identification may be breed registration papers, sketch or photo of spotted cattle with birth date, dam and sire identification information, tattoo, or ear tag.
- Exhibitors using ear tags for identification are responsible for replacing lost tags and reporting old and new tag numbers to the department Superintendent.

#### **Required Records or Documents:**

- Exhibitors must turn in record keeping documents from their project to the department Superintendent at check-in.
  - 4-H Project Record Book pages or FFA SAE Award Application qualifies.
    - Other record forms need to be submitted to the Fair Board in advance of the Fair for approval.
  - '*Livestock Managerial Project Agreement*' form if the animal is not owned by the exhibitor.
  - '*Dairy Cattle Pre-Identification*' form.
- All records must be signed and fully completed, **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

#### **Animal Health:**

- All health requirements set by the State of Wisconsin DATCP must be met before the animals are allowed entry at the Fair.

- Exhibited animals will be inspected at check-in on the trailer for ringworm, mange, warts, and other health conditions.
  - Suspect animals will be isolated and checked by the Fair Veterinarian.
  - Infected animals will be sent home by the Fair Veterinarian.
- In the event an exhibit animal is sent home for health reasons, a replacement exhibit identified on the exhibitor's pre-entry identification form can be checked in to replace it.
  - Replacement Animals must be in place before the end of check-in for Dairy animals on Wednesday of the fair.

### **Barn rules:**

A complete list of barn and display rules can be found in **the 'General Rules for Junior Division Exhibitors'** section of the premium book.

- Clubs across alleys are jointly responsible for maintaining a clear and clean 8-foot alley.
- Areas along the inside walls of alleys to the wash racks are not to be used for feed storage or show boxes.
- Tack room is allowed as space permits. This is subject to the Superintendents and Fair Board.

### **Milk Production:**

- The milk house hours will be set and posted at the Fair after Superintendents consult with exhibitors.
- All cows in milk exhibited at the Fair must be milked on Friday.
- All milk produced at the Fair becomes the property of the Fair.
- All milk must be put in the provided receptacles and cannot be transported off the grounds.
- The use of privately owned portable milking equipment at the Fair is prohibited.

### **Additional Rules for Exhibits:**

- Registered and Grade Red and White cattle must be red and white to show. No black cattle can be shown in this class.
- Crosses between Holsteins and Red and White Holsteins must be shown in either the Holstein or Red and White class. They may not be shown in the crossbred class.
- Registered and Grade Holsteins are shown in separate classes. Registered and grade cattle of all other breeds are shown together.
- Dairy cattle with horns longer than 1" (measured from the hair line), will not be permitted to show. Loosely attached spurs (not attached to the skull) are allowed.

### **Department Definitions (as defined by ATCP 160.08):**

- **Spring Calf:** Born on or after March 1 of the exhibit year.
- **Winter Calf:** Date of birth is between December 1 of the year preceding the exhibit year and February 28 or 29 of the exhibit year.
- **Fall Calf:** Date of birth is between September 1 and November 30 of the year preceding the exhibit year.
- **Summer Yearling:** Date of birth is between June 1 and August 31 of the year preceding the exhibit year.
- **Spring Yearling:** Date of birth is between March 1 and May 31 of the year preceding the exhibit year.
- **Winter Yearling:** Date of birth is between December 1 of the second year preceding the exhibit year and February 28 or 29 of the year preceding the exhibit year.
- **Fall Yearling:** Date of birth is between September 1 and November 30 of the second year preceding the exhibit year.
- **2 year-old:** Born between September 1 of the third year preceding the exhibit year and August 31 of the second year preceding the exhibit year. A 2-year-old includes a yearling that has freshened.
- **3 year-old:** Date of birth is between September 1 of the fourth year preceding the exhibit year and August 31 of the third year preceding the exhibit year.
- **4 year-old:** Date of birth is between September 1 of the fifth year preceding the exhibit year and August 31 of the fourth year preceding the exhibit year.

- **5 year-old or Older:** Date of birth is earlier than September 1 of the fifth year preceding the exhibit year
- **Dry Cow:** Must have milked 280 days or more in the latest lactation, as documented on production report from a certified production testing laboratory to be shown as dry.

### **CHAMPION CLASSES AND QUALIFIERS IN THE DAIRY SHOW**

- **Breed Junior Champions (Registered and Grade):** First & second blue ribbon winners from each class in the Junior age category.
- **Breed Senior Champions (Registered and Grade):** First & second blue ribbon winners from each class in the Senior age category.
- **Breed Champions (Registered and Grade):** Junior and Senior Breed Champions and Reserve Champions.
- **Overall Breed Champions:** Registered and Grade Breed Champions and Reserve Champions.
- **Best of Show:** Overall Breed Champions and Reserve Champions.

### **AWARDS - ELIGIBILITY, REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES**

#### **Sale of Champions**

Youth exhibiting in any dairy cattle class can qualify for the Sale of Champions if all requirements are met.

- Exhibitors must meet all requirements outlined in 'General Rules for Junior Division Exhibitors' section of the premium book.
- Exhibitors must enter and show at least two (2) animals in the dairy cattle show at the Oconto County Fair.
- Qualifying exhibitors of the top four (4) ranked cattle in the Best of Show class, the Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion animals will sell cheese representing their exhibits. Cheese baskets for the sale will be provided by the exhibitor.
- The Best of Show class will consist of the overall breed champions and reserve champions of each breed exhibited at the Fair. Overall breed champions will be selected from the registered and grade breed champions.

#### **Best Udder Awards (Ribbon Only)**

#### **Bred and Owned (Ribbon Only)**

- Exhibitors with registered dairy animals owned and bred by the exhibitor.
- The exhibitor must show registration papers as they enter the show ring.

#### **Best Production Awards (Ribbon Only)**

- Awarded in each cow class of each breed.
- Exhibitors of cows that have completed a minimum 305-day lactation since the previous Fair can qualify their exhibit for the milk production award by bringing a copy of a production report from a certified testing laboratory to the superintendent's table at the beginning of the breed show.
- The ribbon award for the entry with the highest milk production will be announced and presented at the conclusion of the judging of that class.

#### **Club Herd (Ribbon Only)**

- Club herd is 5 animals, any age and breed shown by as many members as possible of a single club.
- Superintendents will sign up club herds on entry day.

#### **Dairy Cattle Fitting (Ribbon Only)**

- Team event for teams of 2 or 3.
- Entries will be accepted by dairy Superintendents up until the start of the fitting competition.

- Fitting class will be Friday beginning at 5:30 p.m. Judging will begin at 7:30 p.m. prior to the start of the open class dairy show.
- Fitting class will be judged by the dairy cattle judge.
- Both junior and open class fitting will take place at the same time.
- Each team will fit one cow.
- Cattle must be arranged for by each team.
- Cattle should be washed but not clipped before the event.
- Cattle brought to the Fairgrounds for the open class show can be used for the fitting competition.

### **Lifetime Production Award (Ribbon Only)**

- Awarded in each cow class of each breed.
- Exhibitors of cows can qualify their exhibit for the lifetime milk production award by bringing a copy of a production report that includes the lifetime production from a certified testing laboratory to the superintendent's table at the beginning of the breed show.
- The ribbon award for the entry with the highest lifetime milk production will be announced and presented following the naming of the breed champion.

### **Outstanding Dairy Exhibitor Award**

- **Recipient:**
  - A senior dairy cattle exhibitor at the Oconto County Fair who has developed a high degree of skill and knowledge over the years.
  - The selection committee will emphasize both development of skills and their application in developing an outstanding dairy project.
- **Objective** - To encourage the development of dairy breeding and management skills by:
  - Learning and using genetic selection and production management techniques to breed and develop genetically superior and productive dairy cattle.
  - Developing the dairy cattle evaluation skills needed to select the best project animals available.
  - Acquiring herdsmanship and showmanship skills needed to bring out the best in their dairy project.
  - Recognize the exhibitor who has demonstrated knowledge, skill, ambition, and good sportsmanship through an outstanding total effort with the project.
- **Criteria** - At least one of the exhibitor's dairy cattle entries must earn a blue ribbon in Danish judging competition at the Fair or place in the top 50 percent of their showmanship class and the individual must:
  - Demonstrate outstanding showmanship skills. Must have earned a blue ribbon in dairy showmanship.
  - Make all entries in a timely and accurate manner
  - Be cooperative with Fair officials and other exhibitors
  - Maintain a neat and clean personal appearance
  - Maintain cleanliness and properly display and care for their exhibit animals throughout the Fair.
  - In the opinion of the selection committee, they made the most of the resources available to them.
  - In situations where there is close competition between a number of exhibitors, preference will be given to exhibitors who have not received the award in the past.
  - When an exhibitor is clearly superior to all others, they will be selected without regard for past awards.
- **Selection Committee:**
  - County youth dairy project Superintendents will make the selection.
  - Exhibitors showing in senior showmanship will have the opportunity to vote for their choice in an advisory ballot conducted following the conclusion of the dairy show at the Fair.

### **Other Awards**

- Awards will be presented to individuals receiving top blues in Showmanship, Best of Show, Top Ranked Dairy Animals, and Sale of Champion qualifiers.

- The name of the group receiving the top blue ribbon in Dairy Herdsmanship (large herd and small herd) will be inscribed on the Dairy Herdsmanship plaque that is displayed in the dairy barn.
- Trophies are awarded to the top four (4) ranked exhibits in the Supreme of the Show Class and the overall junior champion and reserve junior champion.
- Breed champions and reserve champions will be selected where the judge decides sufficient competition and quality warrants the awards.

**CLASS A - HOLSTEIN, REGISTERED**

**CLASS B - HOLSTEIN, GRADE**

**CLASS C - RED & WHITE, REGISTERED OR GRADE**

**CLASS D - GUERNSEY, REGISTERED OR GRADE**

**CLASS E - JERSEY, REGISTERED OR GRADE**

**CLASS F - AYRSHIRE, REGISTERED OR GRADE**

**CLASS G - BROWN SWISS, REGISTERED OR GRADE**

**CLASS H - ANY OTHER RECOGNIZED BREED, REGISTERED OR GRADE, OR CROSSBREED**

<b><u>PREMIUMS (Lots 1-3):</u></b>	<b><u>1st</u></b>	<b><u>2nd</u></b>	<b><u>3rd</u></b>	<b><u>4th</u></b>
	9.00	8.00	7.00	5.00
<b><u>PREMIUMS (Lots 4-7):</u></b>	<b><u>1st</u></b>	<b><u>2nd</u></b>	<b><u>3rd</u></b>	<b><u>4th</u></b>
	11.00	9.00	7.00	5.00
<b><u>PREMIUMS (Lots 8-13):</u></b>	<b><u>1st</u></b>	<b><u>2nd</u></b>	<b><u>3rd</u></b>	<b><u>4th</u></b>
	12.00	10.00	8.00	6.00

**Lot Numbers:**

1. Heifer calf, spring
2. Heifer calf, winter
3. Heifer calf, fall
4. Heifer calf, summer yearling
5. Heifer calf, spring yearling
6. Heifer calf, winter yearling
7. Heifer calf, fall yearling
8. Heifer, yearling, milking
9. Cow, 2 year-old
10. Cow, 3 year-old
11. Cow, 4 year-old
12. Cow, 5 year-old or older
13. Dry cow, 3 year-old or older

**CLASS I - DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP**

<b><u>PREMIUMS:</u></b>	<b><u>1st</u></b>	<b><u>2nd</u></b>	<b><u>3rd</u></b>	<b><u>4th</u></b>
	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.50

**REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION:**

- Exhibitors in dairy cattle showmanship must show one of their project animals in the showmanship class
- This class will use the Danish Judging system
- Showmanship order: Senior, Intermediate, Beginner.
  - Show order may be changed at the discretion of the judge.

**Lot Number:**

1. Senior, Grade 9 & up
2. Intermediate, Grades 6-8
3. Beginner, Grades 3-5
4. Group Herdsmanship (Ribbon Only)