

## DAIRY CATTLE

All animals MUST be entered into FairEntry by May 15th.

**General Livestock Information:** See page 13 for more information

**Manual Information:** See page 11 for more information.

**Mini 4-H** - Refer to Mini 4-H rules on page 14.

**Animal Enrollment Deadline:** ALL animals MUST be identified in FairEntry by May 15<sup>th</sup>. See page 13 for more information.

**Quality Livestock Assurance:** In order to show an animal, 4-H members must be certified through Quality Assurance Training. Please See page 15 for more information.

**Animal Education Posters:** See Animal Education page 45. **ALL POSTERS** need to be turned in on check-in day for the exhibit buildings. **DO NOT** turn any posters in at animal check ins.

**Stall Selection Process:** Those who come to stall selection night get first choice. All pen assignments are final at stall selection night and leftover pens will go to those that need it at check in.

### Exhibit Introduction

1. Animals must be exhibited in the proper age class.
2. 4-H Cow Record sheets available at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/docs/projects/dairy-cattle/4-h-503-w.pdf> can be filled out for the project for personal record.

### Classes –

#### Colored Breed

20901: Junior Division

Junior calf born March 1 or later  
(at least 4 mos. old)

Fall Senior Calf born 12/1/25 to 2/28/26

Senior Calf born 9/1/25 to 11/30/25

Summer Jr. Yearling, born 6/1/25 to 8/31/25

Junior Yearling born 3/1/25 to 5/31/25

Intermediate Sr. Yearling born 12/1/24 to 2/28/25

Senior Yearling born 9/1/24 to 11/30/24

#### 20902: Senior Division

2 yr old not in milk born 9/1/23 to 8/31/24

2 yr old in milk born 9/1/23 to 8/31/24

3 yr old born 9/1/22 to 8/31/23

4 yr old cow born 9/1/21 to 8/31/22

Aged Cow born prior to 8/31/21

Dry Cow

#### Holstein

20910: Junior Division

Junior calf born March 1 or later  
(at least 4 mos. old)

Fall Senior Calf born 12/1/25 to 2/28/26

Senior Calf born 9/1/25 to 11/30/25

Summer Jr. Yearling, born 6/1/25 to 8/31/25

Junior Yearling born 3/1/25 to 5/31/25

Intermediate Sr. Yearling born 12/1/24 to 2/28/25

Senior Yearling born 9/1/24 to 11/30/24

#### 20911: Senior Division

2 yr old not in milk born 9/1/23 to 8/31/24

2 yr old in milk born 9/1/23 to 8/31/24

3 yr old born 9/1/22 to 8/31/23

4 yr old cow born 9/1/21 to 8/31/22

Aged Cow born prior to 8/31/21

Dry Cow

### Showmanship - Members compete by grade.

Junior - 3rd-4th graders

Intermediate - 5th-6th graders

Senior - 7th-9th graders

Master - 10<sup>th</sup> grade & Up

**Supreme Dairy Showman** – Contest will immediately follow show. The top two exhibitors from each showmanship class will compete for this honor.

**Sportsmanship Award** – This award will be voted on by the exhibitors

### **Dairy General Rules**

1. Dairy animals do not have to be registered, but they must be purebred or of one breed. They must have an 840 RFID official ear tag for Indiana Board of Animal Health and Indiana 4-H Exhibition Requirements which may be obtained from Purdue Extension – Dubois County office.
2. Cows that are due to calve within 30 days prior to show will not be eligible to show.
3. **Stall Selection:** A draw for choice of where to tie dairy cattle at fair will be held prior to the fair. Individuals may be drawn separately, or families can have one draw. The number of pens needs to match the number of animals. Families put in can use one draw. Individuals not present at the time of drawing will take available space left. If you cannot be there for drawing, have a representative there for you at drawing. Absolutely no stall changes after set up night.
4. **Equipment Placement:** No show boxes, feed, bedding, etc. will be allowed between cattle in the barn.
5. Dairy check in, show, and check out dates and times will be in 4-H newsletter and on the fair schedule
6. Show numbers will be assigned at check-in to members and must be worn during the show.
7. All first-place animals not receiving Grand Champion and all second-place animals are eligible for Reserve Champion and/or Reserve Grand Champion.
8. **Cattle must remain in stalls beginning at 5:30 p.m. each night of the 4-H fair. No animals will be permitted to go out no earlier than 9:00 p.m. OR the conclusion of the evening show. Whichever is later.**
9. Lactating cattle may leave within two hours of the conclusion of the show or else stay until general release time.
10. 4-H Dairy Species Committee - this group has the responsibility of bringing needs of species to the 4-H Council Livestock Committee, oversee check in at fair, oversee ID days, provide barn chaperones as needed, provide volunteers to run the show, and livestock barn set up.
11. 4-H Council Livestock Committee – this group is the decision makers, review suggestions from species committees, review concerns and grievances from livestock individuals, set livestock dates, oversee, and enforce rules, and procedures of the livestock program. **4-H Council Livestock Committee also has the right to remove any animal during the week of the fair for the animal's health or for the safety of anyone(s).**