

4-H Dairy

DIRECTOR - Steve Landis

4-H Leaders – Carla Weaver, Lorae Smith, Jenny Gordon, Chelsea Ramer, Stephanie Kronk, Ellie Hershberger

Judging – 8:30 am Tuesday of fair week

Show Order: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn.

1. All 4-H members must be enrolled in 4-H by January 15th.
2. All feed/tack will be brought into the inner fairgrounds before 11:00 a.m. except when bringing livestock in.
3. Animals need to be at the fairgrounds before 11:00 am Monday.
4. Dairy animals must be registered. Owned animals need to be registered by Indiana State Fair rules.
5. Animals exhibited must have been entered into <https://v2.4honline.com> by the deadline of May 15.
6. Two animals can be enrolled per class per breed, but only one can be shown in each class.
7. Registration papers and lease papers will be checked at the dairy check in Monday morning 8:00-11:00 am.
8. Winners of each breeds heifer classes will compete in each breeds Junior Champion selection. Winners of each breeds cow classes will compete in each breeds Senior Champion selection. Grand Champion will be selected from each breeds selected Senior and Junior Champions.
9. The 4-H animal must be shown by the 4-H er they are entered with.
10. Commercial displays using product and breed endorsements for 4-H are prohibited.
11. Grand Champion Holstein Cow – If a cow wins more than one year in a row, the second year and following years 75% of the milk auction money goes to the 4-H club and 25% to the 4-H er. In order to retain 50% of the money, the same person needs a different cow each year. All other breeds inquire to the 4-H leader.
12. The Advisory Board will pay \$10.00 per animal to each 4-H member showing their animals in their respective breed open shows and the 4-H show.
13. The Dairy Lease program is for 4-H members who do not own their own dairy cattle. 4-H members may not enroll both leased and owned dairy animals. 4-H members can lease cows as long as they were leased and shown as heifers by that 4-H member. The 4-H member should be involved in the care of the animal regardless of where the animal is kept, and the 4-H member should have exclusive show rights to the animal during the 4-H lease period from May 15th through the 4-H dairy show at the Indiana State Fair. Leased 4-H animals must be registered and have a registration paper available at dairy check in. Completed lease papers MUST be uploaded into <https://v2.4honline.com> by the May 15 deadline.
14. Other than the above rules, rules will be the same as the Indiana State Fair.

Classes for 2024 (per State Fair rules):

Spring Calf	born 3/1/24 or later (4 months old by State Fair show)
Winter Calf	born 12/1/23 - 2/28/24
Fall Calf	born 9/1/23 - 11/30/23
Summer Yearling	born 6/1/23 - 8/31/23
Spring Yearling	born 3/1/23 - 5/31/23
Winter Yearling	born 12/1/22 - 2/28/23
Fall Yearling	born 9/1/22 - 11/30/22
Junior 2 year old cow	born 3/1/22 - 8/31/22
Senior 2 year old cow	born 9/1/21 - 2/28/22
Junior 3 year old cow	born 3/1/21 - 8/31/21
Senior 3 year old cow	born 9/1/20 - 2/28/21
4 year old cow	born 9/1/19 - 8/31/20
5 year old (aged) cow	born prior to 8/31/19

Showmanship

***if over 20 4-H ers are enrolled in any of the following divisions, that age division will be broken into two heats.**

Beginner – Just completed Grades 3, 4, or 5th. Honor group of five selected, one of the selected five is named as the winner.

Intermediate – Just completed Grades 6, 7, or 8th. Honor group of five selected, one of the selected five is named as the winner.

Senior – Just completed Grades 9, 10, 11, or 12th. Honor group of five selected, one of the selected five is named as the winner. The winner of the senior division will compete in the 4-H Round Robin Showmanship Competition.

Breed Champions – a banner will be presented to the exhibitor of the Grand and Reserve Grand Champions in each of the six dairy breeds.

Milk/Cheese Auction – a dairy product will be sold from the two highest placing animals in each dairy breed selected in the 4-H show. The champion will not sell a product if that champion is going to show in the 4-H show at the Indiana State Fair.

Dairy Clipping/Fitting Competition

Monday of Fair week

Senior Division – Completed 9th grade and older

12:30 start time

Junior Division – Completed 3rd grade

2:00 start time

Rules:

1. Only the head can be clipped before the competition
2. Seniors - completed 9th grade and older; Juniors - completed 3rd grade thru completed 8th grade.
3. Contestants must clip in designated area.
4. Only one other 4-H er may hold the animal being clipped.
5. No advice from any adult or 4-H er will be allowed.
6. Contestants for Senior division will have 1 hour and Junior division will have 1 1/2 hours.
7. Animal being clipped must be shown on Tuesday, unless preapproved by a 4-H leader
8. Judging will begin immediately after time expires in each division.
9. There will be no extra time given for faulty equipment.
10. Judges will take into consideration the amount of improvement made to the animal.
11. Contestants may use other 4-H ers dairy animals with permission from 4-H er and leaders.
12. Ribbons and awards will be presented at the banquet.
13. The winner of the Junior Division will automatically move to the Senior Division for the next year.
14. The winner of the Senior Division cannot compete anymore
15. Judges pay will be \$150 for the day and normal Dairy Advisory mileage reimbursement.
16. The top three places will be announced. 4-H ers after the top three are considered participants.

Senior Cash Awards:

1st	\$100
2nd	\$75
3rd	\$50
Participant	\$25

Junior Cash Awards:

1st	\$100
2nd	\$75
3rd	\$50
Participant	\$25