

DAIRY & DAIRY BEEF

This is a State Fair project. Poster projects will have NO BEST OF SHOW selected. You do not have to qualify at the county fair to exhibit at the state level (must be enrolled at county level by May 15)

Dairy will be divided into levels by current grade in school. The level will be determined by the 4-H'ers grade during the current school year (September-August).

All dairy breeding animals and dairy starter calves must be in member's possession and properly enrolled on 4Honline by **May 15**.

DAIRY BEEF & DAIRY BREEDING HEIFERS

Check-in: Monday, June 16, 7 a.m.-Noon, Livestock Barn

Weigh-in: Monday, June 16, Noon

Judging: Tuesday, June 17, 9 a.m., Livestock Pavilion

DAIRY MILKING COWS

Check-in: Tuesday, June 17, no later than 8:30 a.m., Livestock Barn

(4-H member must notify the Extension Office what cows they are showing by **4 p.m. on June 16**)

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:

1. Each year, you are **required to complete QLC (Quality Livestock Care) by June 1**. If not completed by June 1, you will not be eligible to show your animal.
2. Complete the Grant County 4-H Livestock Record Sheet. Place in green record book and turn in at the fair.

ALL GRADES EXHIBIT ONE OR MORE ANIMALS THAT YOU HAVE CARED FOR BY MEMBERS SINCE MAY 15.

FEEDING AND CARE OF ANIMALS

4-H'ers are responsible for the daily feeding and care of their animals during the 4-H fair week.

SHOW RING DRESS CODE

Every 4-H member must bear in mind the following while showing his/her livestock project through the 4-H program at the Grant County Fair.

- a. Your attire is portraying an image of yourself.
- b. You are representing your club.
- c. You are representing the Grant County 4-H program.

Therefore, you should be as neat and clean as possible. Judges will be directed to consider appropriateness of show ring attire while evaluating placings and showmanship skills. **It is recommended that you wear a shirt with a collar, long pants, and close-toed shoes or boots while showing and selling livestock. It is suggested that you NOT wear tank tops, t-shirts (other than when approved or provided), midriiffs, halter-tops, excessively baggy pants, shorts, cut-offs, sandals, or baseball caps.**

4-H SHOW

No animals can be loaded until the conclusion of the 4-H Show.

GROOMING ASSISTANCE-GRANT COUNTY FAIR RULE

4-H exhibitors may receive clipping and grooming assistance from members of their immediate family (father, mother, and siblings), from a current Indiana 4-H member, and from individuals in the Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program by June 1.

Temporary guardianships established from the intent of animal exhibition or grooming purposes are not permitted and shall result in immediate disqualification.

RULES:

1. All animals must be in good physical condition before the animal can be unloaded at the fair or be shown, for example, no broken limbs, no serious wounds, no foot rot, sore mouth or ring worm.
2. No Bulls allowed.
3. Dairy Breeds are Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn, and Dutch Belted (county only).
4. Show order will be determined and posted by superintendent.
5. Dairy steers will show by weight.
6. Animals must be in members' possession by **MAY 15.**
7. All Dairy Breeding Cattle and Dairy Steers must be dehorned. **No scurs over 1" long are allowed.**
8. **Refer to the General Livestock Rules and the Rules for 4-H Livestock State Fair Entry for pre-entry State Fair deadline.**

DAIRY BEEF STEER:

Dairy Beef Steers are eligible for showing at the State Fair. Following are the rules for animals to be shown at the State Fair.

1. 4-H'er must own his/her own exhibit by February and continuously until show.
2. Animals shown at the State Fair must have been enrolled on a 4-H Beef and Dairy Steer Ownership, Enrollment and Entry Form; weighed; and visually identified by tag, tattoo or brand by May 15. The county may set an earlier deadline and the state will accept only those enrollments which meet the county deadline.
3. No more than six steers may be enrolled and two steers shown.
4. Steers may be purebred, crossbred or combination of both but must be 100% dairy blood. Must exhibit dairy breed characteristics in their head, neck, body and muscle structure. Must not exhibit any signs of crossbreeding with any beef breed.
5. Dairy steers will be admitted, weighed and shown at the same times as the dairy cattle.
6. Animals will be divided into classes by weight only and shown only against dairy steers. Dairy steers must weigh over 1000 lbs.
7. Animals must have milk teeth in place and weigh no less than 500 pounds at State Fair weigh-in. There is no top weight limit.
8. Animals must be shown "washed down" with no hair grooming except clipping.
9. **All Dairy Beef Steers must be properly dehorned. No scurs over 1" long are allowed. Animals will be sent home if they do not meet this requirement.**
10. An award will be given to the Top Gaining Dairy Beef Steer.

DAIRY FEEDER STEER:

1. 4-H'er must own his/her own exhibit by May 15 (or earlier if set by the county) and continuously until show.
2. Animals shown at the State Fair must have been enrolled on a 4-H Beef and Dairy Steer Ownership, Enrollment and Entry Form; weighed; retinal scanned; and visually identified by tag, tattoo or brand by May 15. The county may set an earlier deadline and the state will accept only those enrollments which meet the county deadline.
3. No more than six steers may be enrolled and two steers shown.
4. These may be purebred, crossbred or combination of both but must be 100% dairy blood. Must exhibit dairy breed characteristics in their head, neck, body and muscle structure. Must

not exhibit any signs of crossbreeding with any beef breed.

5. **All dairy feeder steers must be properly dehorned. No scurs over 1” are allowed. Animals will be sent home if they do not meet this requirement.**
6. All Dairy feeder steers must be castrated prior to the 4-H show.
7. Dairy feeder steers will be shown according to weight. Feeder steers must weigh 500-1000 lbs. at the 4-H show.
8. Animals must be shown "washed down" with no hair grooming except clipping.

DAIRY STARTER CALF:

1. A member may enroll and exhibit two calves.
2. Only 100% Dairy breed steer can be shown.
3. Calves are to be in the member's possession by May 15.
4. No ruptured calves may be exhibited.
5. **All dairy starter calves must be properly dehorned. No scurs over 1” are allowed. Animals will be sent home if they do not meet this requirement.**
6. All livestock rules apply.
7. Calves do not have to be weighed before the fair. Some form of tag should be used to identify the calf.
8. Dairy starter calves will be shown according to weight. Starter calves must be under 500 lbs. at the 4-H show.

DAIRY BREEDING CATTLE:

Classes available:

1. Spring Calf - Born March 1, 2025 or later (at least 4 months old)
2. Winter Calf - Born Dec. 1, 2024 - Feb. 28, 2025
3. Fall Calf - Born Sept. 1, 2024 - Nov 30, 2024
4. Summer Yearling - Born June 1, 2024 - Aug. 31, 2024
5. Spring Yearling - March 1, 2024 - May 31, 2024
6. Winter Yearling - Born Dec. 1, 2023 - Feb. 28, 2024
7. Fall Yearling - Born Sept. 1, 2023 - Nov. 30, 2023
8. Jr. Champion & Reserve Champion
9. Jr. 2 year old cow - Born March 1, 2023 - Aug. 31, 2023
10. 2 year old cow - Born Sept. 1, 2022 - Feb. 28, 2023
11. 3 year old cow - Born Sept 1, 2021 - Aug 31, 2022
12. 4 year old cow - Born Aug 31, 2021 or older
13. Senior Champion & Reserve Champion
14. Grand Champion & Reserve
15. Supreme Champion

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES:

Class 1 - Senior Showmanship - Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 during the current school year (September - August).

Class 2 - Junior Showmanship - Grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 during the current school year (September – August).

Class 3 - Novice Showmanship - Grades 3 and 4 during the current school year (September - August).

*Winners of the Novice Showmanship and Junior Showmanship are not eligible to advance and compete in the Junior and Senior Showmanship, respectively, that same year.

JUNIOR (GRADES 5-8), AND SENIOR (GRADES 9-12), CHAMPION SHOWMEN ARE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN THE PREMIER SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST.

* Winners of Showmanship (Novice, Junior, and Senior) are eligible to compete in the next years 4-H Fair Showmanship.

AUCTION RULES:

***The 4-H Member must exhibit during the Dairy & Dairy Beef Show in order to be eligible to sell in the livestock auction.**

4-H animals purchased, sold, or offered for sale after the enrollment deadline and prior to the Indiana State Fair (including animals that have gone through a “Premium only Auction”), shall not be eligible to show in the 4-H Show at the Indiana State Fair.

A 6% commission of the overage pay per animal sold will be collected by the Auction Committee. There will also be a 6% commission for quarts of milk sold.

You have until **May 15** to add or drop this project from your current year’s enrollment.