Dairy

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Project Description:

This project allows the 4-H member to learn about dairy cattle. This includes selection of animals, proper care, and good showmanship practices. Learning about the dairy industry and how it works is another part of this project.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. The Dairy project may be completed by Poster at the County Fair but does not advance to State Fair. Refer to the Animal Poster section and contact the Dairy Project Leader for more details. See Poster Guideline section in this rule book for Poster Requirements.

2. All milking cows may be released after the show.

3. Classes will be determined by age of animal: Classes will be provided for registered and grade females of the following breeds: AYRSHIRE, MILKING SHORTHORN, HOLSTEIN, JERSEY, GUERNSEY, and BROWN SWISS. Grades and registered show together.

4. All grade calves must have been sired by a registered sire and resemble the breed in which they are being shown.

5. Calves must be enrolled on-line and in possession of the club member by May 15 to be eligible to show at the 4-H exhibit and the Indiana State Fair.

6. All 4-H dairy members must be Youth Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Certified in order to exhibit.

7. NO BULL CALVES WILL BE SHOWN.

8. No more than two (2) calves may be exhibited in any one class.

9. A champion will be selected in each breed.

DAIRY STEERS

1. Dairy steers will show as an additional beef cattle breed and must fulfill the same enrollment and identification procedures as other steers.

2. No more than 6 steers may be enrolled and 2 steers shown. These may be purebred, crossbred or combination of both but must be 100% dairy blood.

3. Animals must be shown “washed down” with no hair grooming except clipping.

**POSTER PROJECT**

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Poster exhibits must have the standardized exhibit card in the lower right-hand corner with the 4-H member’s name, project and club. Allow room on your poster for the exhibit card. The exhibit cards will be available at check-in time at the fair.

* + - 1. Posters must be 22” x 28” and DISPLAYED HORIZONTALLY ▀ and not vertically▐.
      2. POSTER MUST BE SELF-SUPPORTING (remain standing when leaned at a slight angle). Use heavy cardboard or foam board. For foam board, contact the Extension Office.
      3. All posters must be covered with clear plastic (NOT SARAN WRAP). Contact the Extension Office to purchase acetate poster sleeves.

4. All poster type projects must have a title or theme on the poster. Check your manual for specifications. Be sure the poster accurately meets the guidelines and objectives of the activities in the manual.

5. All items must be securely mounted on the poster or display board

6. When designing your poster, you should consider: lines, shapes, textures, colors and placement of items.